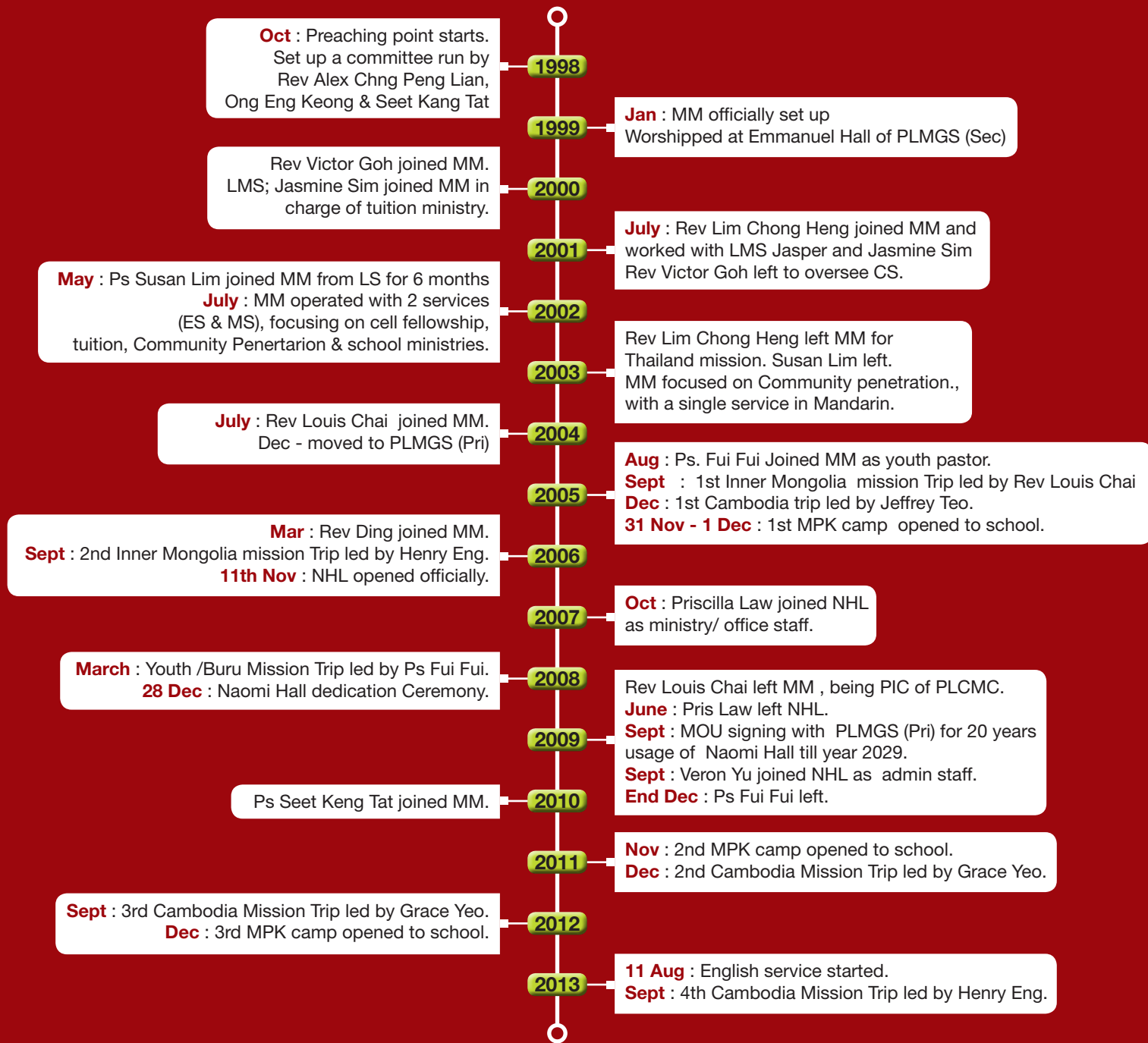


Milestones of Methodist Mission (MM)



The Paya Lebar Chinese Methodist Mission (PLCMM) Story and Mandate

The story of PLCMM is a story of stepping out by faith in response to a call and also a sending out by the larger family of God - PLCMC.

The Call and the Sending Forth by the larger PLCMC Family

Rev Seet Keng Tat's recollections...

"I remembered very clearly that at the LCEC planning retreat in January 1998 when the LCEC Chairman, Mr Ong Heng Kok proposed a task force led by Mr. Lim Soo Chin to study into the setting up of a worship service at Paya Lebar MGS (Sec), that I had a very strong prompting from the Holy Spirit that God wanted me to take up such a task of organizing a worship service at the school premise. But I did not tell anyone except Jeffrey Teo about what I heard from God.

It was only sometime in August and September of that same year that I was asked by the LCEC Chairman, Mr. Ong and Mr Lim Soo Chin to lead a group to set up a worship service at the school. I agreed as I had already heard God's call in January."

"The opportunity for our church PLCMC to start a worship service came at the invitation of Mrs Lee Siew Choo, the principal of Paya Lebar MGS (Sec) as the Paya Lebar Methodist Church who had been using the school for their worship services had in 1998 completed their church rebuilding and was expected to move to their new church building", recalled Mr Lim Soo Chin.

In January 1999, the PLCMM was formed with Seet Keng Tat as its chairman and Ong Eng Keong as the vice-chairman and Rev Daniel Lee Kwang Yong as the advising pastor. A group of about 25 brothers and sisters comprising mainly members worshipping at the English worship service and some members from the Mandarin worship service came forward to form the core congregation of PLCMM.

With the help and support of the mother church the rifle range of the school was converted into a worship hall at a cost of about \$160,000. The first worship service was held at this worship hall called the Emmanuel Hall in August 1999.

The Mandate of PLCMM from the Beginning

Right from the beginning of PLCMM, the mandate to set up a worship service at the Paya Lebar MGS was to reach out to both the school's student population and to the residents and families in the Lorong Ah Soo HDB neighborhood with the gospel of Jesus Christ. To pursue its mandate and mission, PLCMM appointed Jasper Sim as its first full-time student ministry staff to work with the students of the secondary school. PLCMM also embarked on community penetration programs and activities and started its free tuition service for primary school students of the school and the Lorong Ah Soo neighborhood.

Jeff Liew/ 23

I've been in PLCMM for 10 years. My mom brought me to church because I was quite playful when I was younger, and she hoped I would change for the better! I think Cell group is of paramount importance in our spiritual growth and I'm glad to be part of Cell 5A that's constantly contributing to my growth via prayers & Bible Studies.

PLCMM is a small church yet it feels like home! You get to know everyone in the Church and you're never a stranger to anybody! The tea-break after every service is definitely the best! Not just the fantastic food but it also allows us to fellowship with each other!

**Summer Chee/
3 years 8 mths
(with Daniel Chee/
2 years old)**

I like to come to church because I have MPK (Mighty Power Kids) 'Jie Jies' who take care of me. I like to see my MPK friends on Sunday!

**Kice Leung/
30+ years old**

今年是我在MM 的第11年；是Kelvin Aw和他的父母把我带进MM的。我有一班很关心我的兄弟姐妹，和我一起笑一起哭,所以我觉得MM 是我的家。MM 在我的学业和音乐敬拜方面给了我很大的支持；同时也感谢上帝我可以参与其他的事工去事奉主，例如补习和大能儿童事工。

**Bette Toh Kim Luan/
77 years old**

I have been going to church for more than 20 years, and I joined MM when it first started as a preaching point. MM is like family to me. Every Sunday I look forward to coming to church and singing worship songs and attending service. I love singing. Sunday is also the time that I can meet my friends in church for fellowship.

王明达/ 49 years old

我在1999年参加了宣教站。至今已经有15年了。从母堂的组弟兄姐妹中知道要在罗弄阿苏传福音，设立宣教站。经过一段日子的祷告后就决心要踏出这一步加入宣教站。

当我回头看宣教站的这段日子，看到上帝在塑造我们每一个人，把我们的信心带到另一个新的水平。每当开始新的工便是让我们更加信靠上帝。能有勇气和弟兄姐妹一同在组屋敲居民的门，与居民结交为朋友，传福音，这完全是出于我平时所敢做的。我们不仅勇气加倍，灵命也增加了。我开始研读圣经，多祷告，因为要做上帝的工，这是唯一的途径。

是的，宣教站是我的家，这里有我的兄弟姐妹。通过一起事奉，一起学习而被建立起来的感情，宣教站在我心中就是那么的特别和珍贵。特别触动我的心的就是能看到当年为那些小孩补习，现在他们已成为宣教站的一部份，并且也在宣教站服事。他们是宣教站的第二代！

Children's Ministry

The children's ministry of MM started without much fanfare in year 2000, in one of the classrooms of the PLMGS Secondary school block with a handful of our own leader's children. Lessons were conducted in a Sunday school style in a small group setting.

As we began to connect with the residents of Lorong Ah Soo, we realized that many of the families had children who were struggling academically in school. Their parents lacked the financial resources to provide for external tuition. They were also either too busy or were not equipped to help their own children with their work. With this genuine need in mind, we started the Tuition Ministry in 2001 with approximately 25 students on Saturday afternoons. Brothers and sisters from MM congregation and a few from the PLCMC congregations availed themselves to be tutors for the primary and secondary school students.

As the student enrolment grew, God showed us that this was a natural "door" to channel children and their families into our midst. Hence, we shifted the tuition hours to Sunday morning, so that the tuition students could then stay on for children's church. We also realized that to attract and retain children from non Christian homes, it was crucial to have a more hyped up and energetic program. With that, MPK (Mighty Power Kids) was born in 2005.

MPK operates as a "hybrid" children's church/Sunday school with praise and worship, bible stories and age appropriate teaching with updated teaching aids. On alternate weeks, we have small group sessions by level where teachers are able to connect deeper with the children. We also endeavour to

inject fun elements into our program by having activities such as outdoor games, cooking and excursions with the parents. Aside from reaching out to the LAS community, God also opened the way for us to bless PLMGS(Pri) through our holiday camps. We have held four large scale camps in years 2005, 2011, 2012, 2013 , averaging 150 to 300 children, and we never fail to be amazed at how the children dedicate their lives to God during these camps!

Through this "dual prong" method, we have had the privilege to minister and touch the lives of many children, and their parents through our weekly interactions with them and home visitations. A few of the children from our community who joined MPK have grown to serve in some ministries, even taking up leadership positions in youth. Through their children, some families have also received Christ and joined our congregation. On the other hand, we have also experienced large numbers of children who spend years with us, receive salvation but sadly, leave us after their primary school education.

Over the years, the attendance has reached a high of 80+ to the current 30+. The drop in student attendance was more apparent in the last two years. This could be the result of a growing proliferation of affordable tuition in the market. However, one thing remains clear - many parents continue to send their children to us as they recognize that our tuition and MPK teachers operate differently from commercial centres and schools. Our teachers teach with passion and love their children with Christ's love. Despite being non-believers themselves, the parents do appreciate the character values we imbibe in their children.

Our hope for the ministry is that our tuition service will remain relevant to the academic needs of the community children. And that even as the tuition ministry opens the door for us to engage and minister to the children on a spiritual level, God will empower us to preach the Gospel to them, so that we may bring salvation to them and their families, and bring them into the MM family.



Youth Ministry

Growing up as a Christian teenager in Singapore has not been the easiest thing to do. There is a constant struggle between becoming what the world wants us to be and what God created us for. This fight within the youths is so overwhelming and more often than not, we feel so defeated and helpless by how effortless sin takes over us, time and again. The good news is we are not alone and one of the main reasons why MM Youth Ministry exists is to bring the fellowship of young Christians closer to God to glorify Him in all our ways.

In our modern world where consumerism is king, it is an uphill task to capture the attention of young ones and draw them closer to the heart of God. Also, MM is a church that embraces and welcomes diversity. We encounter people from all walks of life and it is difficult to pitch our service to cater to individuals with different spiritual maturities. Attrition rate has been a menace to modern churches across the board, resulting in a “flat organization structure” in the body of Christ. It remains a fervent prayer and effort for all of us to raise a new generation of godly leaders who are deeply rooted in the Word of God.

God has been faithful to MM from the start of this ministry. He prepared His godly and faithful servants to guide and serve these young lives. For over a decade, MM Youth Ministry has been there as a family and a refuge to all whom we have come across. A place we call home where bonds are fostered and hearts are warmed.

MM Youth Ministry started off with our Church Leaders’ children studying and learning the Word of God together. Gradually it included the children from the neighbourhood. Today we have an even mix of both groups serving God and growing spiritually together.

It is heartening to see the youths taking up their responsibilities, making use of the talents God has given them to serve one another. We continue to hope and pray that more will rise up to take their place and work as part of the body of Christ for the kingdom of God. Beyond that, we want the MM Youth Ministry to continue to be a place where youths can come together to experience life and God in a special and enduring way.

WORSHIP

MM was known as the Preaching Point, PP for short, in its infant days. The MM Worship Service started with a group of about 10 to 12 members from the English Congregation of PLCMC. It was a simple time of fellowship, somewhat like cell meetings. These members would meet in the afternoon at the canteen of PLMGSS after their regular Sunday service at PLCMC. That was in early 1999. Soon after, MM started its first English Service at the riffle range in PLGMSS – Emmanuel Hall.

With a call to reach out to the predominantly Mandarin speaking residents in Lorong Ah Soo, MM started a Mandarin Service alongside its English Service. The worship style was contemporary for both services. It was a real challenge, both in terms of manpower and resources, for the group to run both services. Despite the difficulties, members stood together and continued to serve selflessly and sacrificially. Sometime in 2003, in order to bring greater focus in its outreach work in Lorong Ah Soo and to optimize its manpower and resources, MM decided to have only 1 service - the Mandarin Service.

For a group of English speaking believers, to worship and pray in Mandarin was a mammoth task. Worship leaders would spend days selecting the songs after careful consultation with fellow worship leaders. The worship team practiced hard as they had to familiarize themselves with the Mandarin praise & worship songs. Prayer during praise & worship was kept simple initially as the worship leaders gradually learnt to lead by faith and in the spirit.



MM's worship style is unique. Not only do we worship in contemporary songs with the drums, keyboard and guitar, we also worship the Lord in dance. Worshipping the Lord in dance started as early as 1999 when MM had its first rally. The ministry grew and now we have a team that worships together with the worship team every Sunday with both the tambourine and streamers.

The Lord is good. He has blessed MM with a dynamic worship team. Visitors and non-believers are often drawn to the upbeat and colourful worship style of MM. The worship team has served the Lord faithfully all these years. Some members have served the Lord in this ministry since the birth of MM.

MM grew from its humble beginnings to where it is today purely by God's love and grace. Seeing a growing number of youths and English speaking members in its midst, MM restarted its English Service in mid 2013. Today, MM has both Mandarin and English Services running concurrently at 2pm. Membership was not affected and continues to grow steadily.

一个没有围墙的教会!

这是当宣教站刚开始的关键任务之一。宣教站的核心是基于细胞小组。细胞小组是成员能得到他们生命上的需要和得帮助的地方。这是一个爱的团体，给成员有宾至如归的感觉，也是能给予他们的心灵成长的地方。我们不仅不会独行而是学习和彼此一起成长。细胞小组帮助我们在圣经里所读的理解转化为实际体验的经历。当我们争扎在学习顺服神的话语的过程，是有兄弟姐妹在这一路上彼此扶持的。

超过80%的宣教站成员都个别属于细胞小组成员。因为是宣教站，我们就是要来到社区里与这里的居民分享福音。多年来，我们已经在罗弄阿苏结识了许多家庭，成为他们生活上的一部份分。

我们开始时设立了三个以华语为主的细胞小组，它今天已发展到四个华语细胞小组和三个以英语为主的细胞小组。宣教站也有一个特别的小组团契，那就是在每逢周三晚上十点半至凌晨十二点半的聚会。主要是为着一群大约十四人的厨师而设立的。他们应着要长时间工作，而且周末也要开工，只有在十点半过后才能参加聚会。



在门徒栽培方面，宣教站认识到要有效的分享见证及传福音给他人，有组织有规律的门徒教育是不可缺少的。宣教站在2004年为当时的先锋领袖们开办了第一班为期34周的红本门徒课程，由伟仁弟兄带领，通过研读圣经，学习作主门徒应有的标志，进一步的了解有关门徒属灵生命成长关键的原则，学习委身的功课。

从那时开始，门徒课程便成为在小组以外，宣教站会众预备在教会的各样事工上事奉前一个必要的培训过程。也有许多人为了要更深一步认识圣经而参加，而许多人也因着这个课程体会到上帝的公义与慈爱，更激发他们立志回应上帝的大使命，作个忠实的门徒。

Evangelism & Community Outreach



At the heart of MM (Methodist Mission) and its various ministries, is evangelism - reaching out to the lost through the sharing of God's love. MM's call is to reach out to the community in Lorong Ah Soo. It's works center around sharing Christ with friends and families in Lorong Ah Soo.

Over the years since its birth, MM has come to befriend many families in Lorong Ah Soo through its Tuition Ministry, Mighty Power Kids, Cells, its various Community Outreach events, just to name a few. MM has become a household name in Lorong Ah Soo and these friends have come to know MM in a personal way, some of whom grew up in MM as youths and are now worshipping faithfully in MM and serving with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in MM. Amen to that!

In the early days, as part of its effort to share God's love in a real way, some members through their cells would clean the corridors of some blocks in Lorong Ah Soo. A cell even went to wash, paint and gave a facelift to one of the resident's flat. Tuition teachers in its Tuition Ministry would make the extra effort on Saturdays to give additional tuition to the weaker students who live in the community. Cells would meet at the void decks and some would meet in the homes of residents in Lorong Ah Soo in order to bring the light and love of Christ closer to these friends. There were block parties, durian feasts, Mid Autumn celebrations and distribution of mooncakes at

the various blocks, MPK Camps, Christmas gatherings and caroling etc. all were but for only one reason - that more may come to experience the love of Christ and come to receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Members would brave the flights of steps, up and down the various blocks just to knock on doors, distribute flyers and invite their friends in Lorong Ah Soo to join them at an outreach gathering.

MM has hosted several community outreach events. The most recent one is the Chinese New Year Outreach Event on 15 February 2014. For the first time in the history of Community Outreach work in PLCMC, the church witnessed the gathering of approximately 750 non-believers in its midst. It was by far the largest community outreach event hosted by MM. The event took place at PLMGSS. Members from across the various congregations in PLCMC came together in concerted effort, participated and made this event a possibility. During its preparation, members from different congregations gathered to worship, pray and intercede with each other. What an awesome sight it was! The church stood together with one heart and mind, with a common goal and purpose.

Evangelism and Community Outreach are the heartstrings of MM. This is where the pulse of the church is and it will remain so for many years to come.



Missions

MM had its first taste of overseas missions in 2005 when Rev Louis Chai, the pastor in charge of MM then, brought a group of about 5 brothers and sisters to Inner Mongolia for a 'missions exposure' trip. The team helped out at a Summer camp where local children and youths came to learn and improve their command of the English language. Team members served and ministered with fellow believers from America and China. They shared the gospel and prayed with the local youths. For the first time, they broke bread and had holy communion with the extended family of God. They sang hymns and worshiped the Lord together in their own ways. Despite the differences in culture, experience and background, there was unity and a common purpose, a meeting of hearts and minds, brought together by the same God whom they believe and call "Abba Father". It was awesome and an eye-opener! And from this initial exposure trip, unknown to the team, the Lord planted His first 'seed' of missions in MM.

In 2009, Tji Leng brought Agnes, Henry, Sylvia and Karen to Prey Veng, Cambodia, to join in a well digging program his polytechnic was involved in. That paved the way for MM's mission work in Prey Veng. Our mission work in Prey Veng is a partnership with

Operation Hope Foundation, a local NGO.

In March 2010, a member of MM opened the way for MM's mission work in Prey Veng, Cambodia, with a field trip with his school to dig wells in the village. In partnership with Operation Hope Foundation, a local NGO, MM organised its first mission trip to Prey Veng in 2011. A total of 54 members - young and old, from between 3 and 74 years of age - signed up for MM's maiden mission trip, which also included a handful of brothers and sisters from PLCMC's other congregations. It was a 'family' mission trip to share the gospel with the orphans in Hope Village and the villagers in Prey Veng. The team also built 2 houses for 2 families in a village nearby. Members rolled up their sleeves together with the locals and completed the 2 houses in 4.5 days, an amazing feat completed purely by the grace of God. Many were motivated, encouraged and for some, moved by the spirit of God, as they saw the love of God and His mighty hand at work in their midst. The Lord's favour and protection were evident. There were no casualties at the building site and no one fell sick during the entire 8 days at Prey Veng. The team ate and slept together, played games together, sang and worshipped together. It was



unforgettable, seeing brothers and sisters serving the Lord as a family and in the bond of God's love.

MM organised its second trip to Prey Veng in 2012. The team of 34 continued with the work of the earlier team in the preceding year. A new house was built in another village and the friendship with the children and youths in Hope Village began to grow and take root. Last year, we saw yet again an amazing number of 54 members who signed up for the third trip, not only members from MM but also from Contemporary Service (CS), Bilingual Service (BS) and Litigical Service (LS). 2 families in Prey Veng were blessed with new houses and the children and youths in Hope Village have come to regard us as their friends whom they hold close to their hearts. To these young ones from Hope Village, we have become messengers of God's love, hope and a new life.

Missions is the call of the church. It must continue. As we go out by faith to share God's love, may He establish His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.



LS Families

Rev. George Martzen

*“For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.” - Psalm 100:5 (ESV)*

The Liturgical Service is a place for the whole family – mothers, fathers, children and grandchildren. It is a place where the presence of extended families bears witness to the truth of God's loving faithfulness to all generations, as it says in Psalm 100. It is also a place where families have been called to live in faithfulness to Jesus Christ, by humbly bowing before the Father in heaven, "from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named" (Ephesians 3:15).

Like the rest of Paya Lebar Chinese Methodist Church, the Liturgical Service is a network of families, many of whose multiple generations extend across the diversity of PL's different worship services. Each family in its own way is a testimony to the power of Jesus' touch, so that when one family member experiences God's love, accepts him and comes into the church, others in the family also feel the touch, and want to come to the Lord.

One example is the family of Mdm Tan Hwee Hwang. According to Jocelyn Chng, her mother, Mdm Tan Hwee Hwang grew up in a Christian family. When she married her

husband Chng Kee, Mdm Tan threw herself into the family food business that, by God's grace, continues to flourish today. Unfortunately, over the course of the years, raising six children and helping her husband to grow the business, she drifted away from the Lord and from church life.

Jocelyn recalls that it took a series of crises and challenges before her mother came back to the Lord and became a member of PLCMC. First, her husband passed away in 1988, leaving behind a family business and the challenge of raising those six children on her own. Jocelyn was then in university, and began running the business. But then her mother fell ill and had to be hospitalized. When Christian friends began praying with her, she decided to return to the Lord. Finally, it was when Kathleen and Chang Yao Liang were looking for a place to get married, that they discovered PLCMC. Rev Chong Chin Chung reached out to them and performed the ceremony, and since then the family has continued attending here. The mother prefers to worship in the Hokkien Service, but she often joins other family members in LS, though her English is limited. She continues to pray for and urge her





now grown children to seek a closer walk with God, along their spouses and the grandchildren. All of the six children are Christians, while four are PLCMC members worshipping in the Liturgical Service, Jocelyn, Kathleen and her husband Yao Liang, Claire and Wilfred with his wife Serene. Among them, there are 11 children, nine of whom attend LS. Two of Jocelyn's siblings, Cheryl and Tony are attending other churches.

Sadly, Jocelyn lost her own husband, Richard Wong in 2004, leaving her to raise three boys on her own, which she had done with the constant encouragement of her mother. Even in the midst of challenges and sometimes tragedies, God's grace has prevailed. Jocelyn remarks, "I have to give glory to God, and give all the credit back to Jesus."

Adelina Ong also has much to be grateful for. Her family has over five generations in Paya Lebar Chinese Methodist Church. Her parents Ong Tian Soo and Sim Sai Mui were married at PLMC (Boundary Road) in 1948 and have been a part of PLCMC since it moved to the present address, attending the Hokkien Service. Meanwhile, her four daughters, Billie, Lafone, Chloe and Demi, are active in the Liturgical Service, along with her granddaughter, LeNel.

Adelina has been coming with them to this church since 1967. She recalls happily the prayer meetings with former pastors, Rev Tan Peck Geok and Rev Goh Chiao Ti.

Her deep desire is to continue the legacy of her parents and grandparents and to ensure that the legacy of commitment to God is not lost in the next generations. She says, "I am continuously attending church and I've brought the next generations and will ensure that the next generation will continue."



我堂设堂75周年志庆

愿主我们神的荣美，归于我们身上。
愿你坚立我们手所作的工。
我们手所作的工，愿你坚立。诗篇 90:17

*The Grace of GOD is
with you no matter
what happens* 1 Peter 5:12



陈玉卿及全家
同贺

In God We Trust

Unless the *Lord* builds the house, the builders labor in vain.
Unless the *Lord* watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.
Psalms 127:1

Richard Tiong & Family

Brief Introduction to Bilingual Service (BS)

Kelvin Goh



By God's grace, BS was born on 11 Jan 2009. It is a contemporary service conducted in both English and Mandarin. The average attendance of BS today is around 75, comprising mainly youths and young adults / families.



BS Youth Leaders & Music Ministry Installation



On 19 January 2014, Bilingual Service held its first official installation of its Youth Ministry leaders and Music Ministry members. Fine young men and women came forward to pledge their service to the Lord and the congregation in the year ahead. It was indeed a heart-warming moment to see individuals come together as one family to serve the Lord.

BS has also actively participated in the wider PLCMC church family activities. Some of these activities are highlighted below.

May the BS family continue to be a blessing to PLCMC and bring glory to our Father in heaven!

Current BS leaders
(From left to right):
Kelvin Goh,
Dennis Wee,
Nicole Ong,
Bernice Teo,
Shawn Koh.





Bilingual Service Working Group
The young and energetic people to lead the young and energetic into the next generations to come!

Never a moment of boredom in their midst!
Thank God for them!



Leading worship at the
Church 74th Anniversary Service
(25 Aug 2013 @ Level 2)



Leading worship at the
Church Combined Christmas Service 2013
(25 Dec 2013 @ Level 2)

BS Participation in One Youth Musical 2013

The youths and young adults from the Bilingual Service worked hard over 9 months and forged strong friendships with peers from the other congregations to stage the One Youth musical "Sold to Save" on 29 and 30 June 2013.

Not only was it a milestone for the One Youth ministry, it was also an achievement for the 5-year old Bilingual Service! Our congregation members contributed their talents to the cast and crew of the musical, as well as the music and production teams.



Brothers in arms





Post-production Party: Watching the performance recording and celebrating a successful production together!



"Pharaoh" with one of the musical's many publicity posters.



The solid cast and production crew



BS' very own stage manager for the musical!



Goofing around backstage...



建立基督为家的家

在一次年议会主办的堂会学校联席会议里，有一位校长说出了他心中的感叹，因为他们的教师团队大多比较年长，因此不敢也没能力举办适合少年人与年轻人的活动，因此失去了很多吸引及栽培年轻一代的机会。反观巴耶黎峇的堂会学校就有很多朝气蓬勃的年轻老师，做起青年事工也多姿多彩。

宾升平
堂会学校校长

我对这位弟兄的观察颇感意外，也把这件事默默的记在心里。在回家的路上，往脑海的记忆里翻了一番我们堂会学校现有的组织图表，赫然发现，我们的老师团队的确拥有很多年轻人。原来我们平时看似平常，一向来都没注意到这样的一个现象，却如此受到他人的注意和羡慕。原来当我们把它看为理所当然的时候，却没发觉到上帝一直如此眷顾着我们的堂会学校！

因此，我们当为上帝所赐给我们的两方面的恩典而感恩。





三代同堂的堂会学校

根据堂会学校的组织图表算了一算，原来我们不单有很多年轻人，教职员团队里还拥有三代人！年轻的老师从18岁到25岁有15位，25岁到35岁的有10位，35岁以上的老师有25位，60岁到80岁的也有5位！至于学生，从幼儿到乐龄共约250位。

我也观察到，有年纪大的老师带领着幼儿，年轻老师带领着年长学生的情况。在这儿，年龄基本上没构成任何界限，大家凭着各自的能力，上帝的感动，在各个岗位上服事和教导。

多元化的堂会学校

最近我拜访了几位教会前辈，询问关于我们堂会学校的建校史。60年代初期，巴耶黎峇卫理公会主日学原设于Boundary Road的牧师楼，由王英丽姐妹开办。初期，学生基本上是小小朋友，而且是英文班。后来逐步发展华文班，以及成年班，再后来才有乐龄班和幼儿班。听几位前任校长的分享，他们的语气、表情，严肃又认真，丝毫没有自我夸耀的心态。我突然深深的感受到，在任职期间，他们是那么敬业乐业，战战兢兢的把上帝所交托的主日学逐步建立起来，然后小心翼翼的交付下一代，唯恐学校毁在他们手里。

今天的堂会学校级别有：幼稚级、少年级、青年级、成年级以及乐龄级，还有例外的如路得班。路得是摩押的寡妇，因为爱婆婆和敬拜耶和華的心，决定离开家乡跟随、照顾婆婆，为后人留下了好榜样。堂会学校因此决定以“路得”命名2011年开设的女佣班。在女佣班里，来自各国的女佣和老师们都互称姐妹，不曾把对方视为化外人，堪称是一个融汇着不同种族的大家庭。

今天，我们的堂会学校又面对着什么挑战？

语言问题

由于多年来政府语言政策的影响，作为教会未来领袖的青少年级学生，今天仍然挣扎于当以华文或英文学习和交流的挑战中，实际状况是，倾向于以英文交流的越来越多。作为华文堂会堂会学校的领袖，这是我们多年来所面对的压力与困难！

资讯泛滥

今天我们都面对着种种社交媒体的冲击，学生们受到前所未有的、错综复杂的宗教信仰和思想的挑战，其真伪不易分辨，他们不晓得如何有效的应用泛滥的资讯。堂会学校在这种情况下，更要持守圣经的纯正教义，同时在教学方法上不宜太拘泥和保守，好让学生跟上时代。这是一大考验！

尽管面对着上述两大挑战，然而我们仍然当感谢主！正当教会欢庆设堂75周年之际回顾校史，让我们看到，从60年代初期设校到今天茁壮成长，其中有着三代人栽培一代人，以及跨国跨种族、互相包容且多元缤纷的学习平台，为的是要持守并建立一个以基督为主的家。今天的巴耶黎峇堂会学校，堪称践行了75周年的主题——基督里一家，基督居我家！

华语 班 诗

成长路上好伙伴





Choir and Spiritual Formation

I had the privilege to serve as the Mandarin Choir Director at PLCMC for 10 years, from October 1982 to June 1992.

The most fulfilling aspect of choir ministry is to see how choir could impact the spiritual formation of choir members and act as a training ground for church leadership. I remember a then “young” choir member, Tai Hee, shared how being in the choir helped him to attend Sunday worship service regularly. I have the joy to witness how Eddy, the then “young” (secondary school) choir accompanist served faithfully as a pianist, choir member and subsequently took over as my “successor” choir conductor. Praise God that both Tai Hee and Eddy (and several others from the Mandarin and Children’s Choir) are now part of PLCMC church leadership!

Choir is also a ministry that fosters close fellowship among members. Besides rehearsing and singing together, the “supper” sessions after choir rehearsals bring back fond memories of bonding among members within the church family. This bonding stays to this day, years after I have left PLCMC!

— Ex-MS choir conductor: Mary Y. T. Gan

团员述经历说领受

华语诗班自70年代初开始，即在每主日的崇拜中将最美好的赞美献给上帝，不单伴着75年的堂史走了将近半个世纪，更在团员们的灵性与性格塑造上扮演了重要的角色，成为他们成长路上的一个好伙伴。团员或走过生命低谷，或经历生命的转捩点，大伙风雨不改的奉献精神无不在心灵与情绪上有形无形的陪伴着、抚慰着、激励着。诗班因而也坚定了团员们的心志，让弟兄姐妹们凝聚成良好的团队，并以心灵和诚实将颂赞归给上帝，成为尊贵的祭司！

这里引用群凤姐妹所引用的经文，祝愿团员们都“用各样智慧，把基督的道理，丰富丰富地存在心里。用诗章、颂词、灵歌，彼此教导，互相劝戒，心被恩感，歌颂上帝。”（歌罗西书3：16）

—指挥：钟光勉



诗班陪我度过人生低谷

感谢赞美上帝！不知不觉在诗班已经14年了。
若不是上帝的恩典，不知道今天的我会是如何？
诗班陪我度过人生旅程的低谷，弟兄姐妹们的爱与关心，让我非常感动。能成为诗班的一分子，是上帝的恩典，我的福气。

感谢主，阿们！

—陈秀英



诗班是我成长路重要一部份

在教会诗班中的参与、学习和事奉是我生命成长路上重要的一部份。

自小参加儿童诗班，激发了我对圣乐的兴趣，这是我日后参与圣乐事工的一个启蒙。十多岁时加入了华语圣歌团，在 Ms Gan 的引导下，更深地认识了诗班为祭司的职责，对圣乐特别是圣诗，有了更深、更广的接触与了解，这为我奠定了日后事奉的根基。大学毕业回国后回到诗班，先是当了团长，后来接过 Ms Gan 的棒，诗班成了我学习在事奉上做领导者的一个平台。后来再次出国深造，回来时因需要做一番的调整，未能马上归队，这期间却得到了一些诗班兄长们的体谅及扶持，让我尝到主内弟兄姐妹们的爱。接回指挥棒后，十年来与不同的职员配搭，并与团员经历各种挑战，大家在属灵的道路上一同经历上帝，一起成长。

诗班对我来说，就如一个大家庭，是教会的缩影，是学习彼此接纳，彼此扶持的地方，这前后整40年的时光，给了我宝贵的教会生活，为此我感谢上帝。

愿诗班继续茁壮成长，蒙上帝喜悦，让上帝重用！

—钟光勉

既尊贵又荣幸

每逢穿上诗班的诗袍即提醒我在这事奉岗位上的身份是既尊贵又荣幸。

有别于其他的事奉，诗班的事奉在崇拜中有着祭司的身份，因此要求团员严格律己，看重每一次的练习。团队的精神在诗班中扮演着重要的角色，但愿我是以灵、以心，以声颂赞这位坐在宝座上的圣洁羔羊。他是配得敬拜和尊崇的！

—林绮嫦

我属灵生命的转捩点

诗班是我信主后的第一个服事站。当时加入诗班纯粹是因为弟兄姐妹的盛情邀请，这和回应上帝的爱，回应上帝的呼召是两码事。虽然如此，上帝并没有拒绝我。感谢上帝！

因为对上帝的爱不深，也没有追求的心，更没有读经祷告的生活。教会生活渐渐流于形式，在教会的日子也变成了虚度光阴，呆了一段时间后也就离开了诗班。

感谢主，上帝的爱不弃不离，祂给我2nd Chance。圣灵的责备和管教，让我有回转的机会，恩待我让我留在祂的国度里继续诗班的事奉！上帝开的第二道门也还是诗班，这是我的福气也是我属灵生命的转捩点！

—郑再棋



以心灵诚实颂赞上帝

教会庆祝75周年了，愿大家爱主的心更加深厚，事奉的心志更加火热，也愿诗班在教会所担负的职分，常经历上帝的同在。

诗班是由一群弟兄姐妹组成的教会肢体，职分包括指挥、司琴、职员及团员。诗班不只是一群爱唱歌的弟兄姐妹们聚在一起歌唱，更是受圣灵所感委身于基督的群体。每个星期一起来练习诗歌。虽然单声部的诗歌比较容易掌握，但诗班多数以四部和声呈献，有些诗歌旋律和节拍的难度甚高，大家也努力练习力求克服。偶尔有团员缺席也加重指挥的负担，除此之外还需加强对诗歌意境的体会，并以渴慕和领受的心唱出和谐的诗歌。

诗班把团员们联系在同一个事奉岗位上，彼此以心灵相互扶持激励，同时认识上帝并顺服上帝，使每个人的属灵生命成长、成熟。

感谢上帝，虽然诗班的服事道路难免经历波折及人事变换，最重要的是诗班始终如一的以心灵诚实颂赞、取悦上帝，藉着所献的回应上帝的爱。阿们！

“当用各样智慧，把基督的道理，丰富富地存在心里。用诗章、颂词、灵歌，彼此教导，互相劝戒，心被恩感，歌颂上帝。”（歌罗西书3：16）

—卢群凤

颂赞上帝无尽的爱

我加入诗班已有七年了。在这期间，我看到好些请假的团员以不同方式“回归”诗班，这些请假团员当中有的已经移居国外多年，可是总会借探亲之便，参与诗班的活动或短期服事；有些请假团员总会抽空出席诗班常年大会，表达了他们对诗班的关爱，最令人开心的就是见到请假多年的团员销假回诗班继续唱诗服事主！

我想啊——无论当初他们是因个人事故请假，或是因为必须转到更需要他们的肢体岗位而请假，他们的心都仍然关心着诗班的事。我们这群蒙福的儿女一生都要以歌声颂赞回应上帝无尽的爱。感谢赞美上帝！

—张月明

团员都是尊贵的祭司

我于1991年加入华语诗班，在2003那年转至厦语诗班，十年后再回到华语诗班。这20多年的事奉，一句话概括：赞美主！

在华语诗班的前12年服事中，指挥们的细心指导及司琴的乐理教导，提升我在圣诗的认识与加深在声乐方面的应用。

我在厦语诗班期间，要感谢几位资深姐妹的教导，让我掌握比较正统的闽南语发音。在这十年里，大家一起同心事奉、学习、郊游，更在灵里团契成长。我们也为着有机会获得某个机构的赞助，让全体诗班团员一同前往中国厦门观摩而感恩。那次的出游成为我们日后美丽的回忆。由于年龄和健康的关系，有几位老姐妹先后退出诗班。但感谢主，藉着牧师与弟兄姐妹们的鼓励，有几位年轻的姐妹们加入诗班！若有弟兄加入，这将使整个诗班的阵容更齐全及充满朝气。

回到华语诗班，感觉真好。虽然有些我所熟悉的团员已不在当中，却涌现新面孔，见证了上帝的恩典与供应是永不止息，阿们！华语诗班除了特别的节日外，几乎每个星期五晚上都有两个小时的练诗，风雨不改。大多数团员都是上班族，下班后很多时候需要在外匆匆解决晚餐后，再“风尘仆仆”赶到教会练诗，而主日大清早也得提前半个小时抵达教会，争取时间练诗，以便于崇拜时将最好的献给上帝。这一切都需要付出，若没有真诚服事上帝的心志，团员们是不可能坚持下去的。

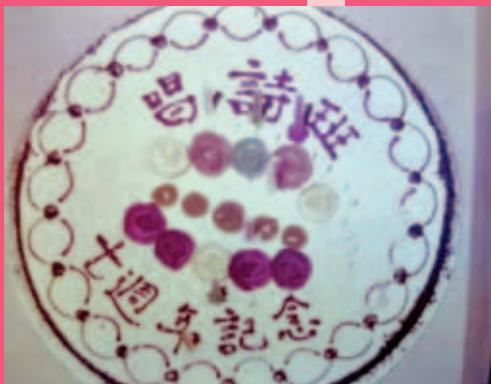
诗班在崇拜时代表会众将圣诗献给上帝，每一个团员都是尊贵的祭司，都当洁身自爱，有好操守、有好见证。

—颜宝莲

我对诗班情有独钟

我感谢主耶稣拯救了我，在我有生之年日，我要努力歌颂赞美主。我对诗班情有独钟，我是一个蒙恩的人，我永远都要唱诗来感谢主，荣耀主的圣名。阿们！

—林佩娇



坚定的心志 良好的团队

我在2006年加入诗班。这8年来感受到诗班员具有坚定的事奉心志和良好的团队精神。

首先，作为教会诗班，我们普遍上不具备专业的音乐知识和修养，可说是事奉的决心大于能力。可喜的是团员们愿意努力学习看谱，提升乐理知识，在指挥的爱心教导和严格要求下，我们的献唱都以四部合唱呈献，这真是难能可贵的表现，感谢主！

其次，团员大多数是职场人士，忙碌疲惫自不在话下，但每逢周五晚间两个半小时的练唱，主日大清早崇拜前的温习，大家都以最佳的精神状态出现。此外，一年数次参与教会以外的事工，密集的练习对诗班员确是沉重的负担，但弟兄姐妹们总以上帝的事为要，乐意顺服团长和指挥的安排，并全力以赴，充分体现爱主勤事奉的心志和严谨的团队精神。

我深信，诗班的成长必与时并进。我们将继续提高歌唱技巧，并不断更新心意。每当我们扬声之际，也是我们献心之时！

燔祭一献，就唱赞美耶和華的歌。”（历代志下29:27）

—陈淑萍



一旦披上诗袍终身不脱下

“他们和他们的弟兄学习颂赞耶和華；善于歌唱的共有二百八十八人。”（历代志上 25: 7）

1986年年底，诗班受邀到城市大厦（City Plaza）报佳音，经 Ms Gan 的鼓励，我参与了佳音队，之后即正式披上诗袍加入诗班。由于当时还属于喝灵奶阶段，还不清楚自己在诗班的职分。随着年龄增长，以及属灵生命的认识与学习，才明白团员有如祭司，是一个庄严的职分。

我有机会先后在妙娟姐妹与琤琤姐妹的耐心教导下学会看乐谱，在 Ms Gan 的鼓励下，有机会与梅广文夫人学声乐。这让我想起历代志上 25: 7 所记载的：“他们和他们的弟兄学习颂赞耶和華”。音乐是上帝所赐的一种国际语言，是上帝的爱与怜悯让我这个不配的人能参与诗班的服事。

有一位牧师曾给诗班团员勉励时说：“一旦披上诗袍，终身不脱下。”我多年来在诗班也曾因着种种事故而断断续续的请假又归队。

亲爱的诗班团员们，我们既有幸蒙恩同领上帝所赐的属灵恩赐，一同以诗歌来颂赞主，就让我们在主里彼此学习，互相配搭，成为上帝所使用且能荣神益人的管道。

—李雅珠

因祂用厚恩待我

上帝的爱临到我，祂让我从小有机会聆听邻居淑珍姐妹的母亲唱的诗歌。关玉兴老师在少年主日学以活泼的动作所教导的诗歌还牢牢地印在心版上——“耶稣说：我就是道路、真理、生命，若不藉着我，没有人能到父那里去。我是好牧人，好牧人为羊舍命。我认识我的羊，我的羊也认识我。”

当年，许覃陌老师让我们上台献唱“以前我迷失在罪途，轻慢主爱，远离公义正路，我真不知为何拒绝舍身流血，爱我灵的耶稣，他救了我，从罪中释放我，在各各他为我付上代价，我一切罪主已完全赦免，使我黑夜变为白昼。”

中四以后加入诗班，看到荣光弟兄默然忠心地献上，在淑珍姐妹和克源弟兄的带领下学会看五线谱。每周六傍晚练唱后享用荣长嫂（管堂嫂）烹煮的晚餐倍觉温馨。十多年来在诗班经历上帝的奇妙作为与精彩的日子——练唱、献唱、音乐会、出国布道会、电台的录音“天国之声”、报佳音时饱尝主人热情的招待等，不一而足。

感谢 Ms Gan 颜玉钗老师认真的事奉态度及为我申请教会的赞助，以接受个人声乐训练并取得证书，也让我参与儿童诗班及厦语诗班的机会，看到可爱的儿童及热爱唱诗的老姐妹们，我心激动。

—许美卿

四方拓家

半边天

江彩霞
姐妹会

本堂妇女服务会成立于1945年，但其背景可追溯到本堂成立之前的1937年，其时几位姐妹在主恩典的带领下，本着传扬福音的热忱，在巴耶黎峇及后港一带分发福音单张，探访布道，是为妇女会的前身。如此看来，妇女会的形成与堂会的成立几乎同步同期同酝酿。漫长的岁月过去了，姐妹们的忠诚不变，在教会基层的事工上，她们竭尽所能，舍己忘我的奉献，只为兴旺基督的教会。她们与主紧密同行，真诚的把福音传扬开来，不靠高深的学问，只靠自身的经历，也没有动人的信息，只有浅白的真道。经过历届会长与前辈姐妹们的努力及爱心带领下，目前妇女服务会已经是一个颇有组织的肢体。近期，“妇女服务会”又称“姐妹会”，为的是涵盖还未结婚的年轻一代姐妹。

姐妹们一路走来，秉承圣经的教训，学习圣经里的模范。圣经中一群忠心服事主、脍炙人口的妇女们都是姐妹们学习的对象，其中玛利亚、马大等人慷慨

的奉献财物，全心全意的追随主，她们忠贞的美好形象深深的植根于姐妹们的心坎中。姐妹们不只是负责、参与堂会的活动及琐事与杂务外，在教会宣教的事工上也不落后，积极的支援和参与各项布道及宣教活动。2001年，妇女会开始认领柬埔寨以马内利儿童村的孩童。除了在学习的经费上提供援助，也曾实地探访以了解他们的成长。数年后得知他们之中成绩佼佼者已修完大学课程，且有能力在崇拜聚会中在台前带领唱诗敬拜。愿他们日后能为主所重用，见证主的福音。2005年，姐妹们组成短宣队，启动位于峇莱直落西帝布渔村的工作。多年来持续在周末差派代表到该村授课、指导一组孩童，引领他们唱诗、赞美、敬拜。盼望有朝一日他们之中有蒙上帝揀选者成为宣教士。姐妹们本着不屈不挠的精神，越战越勇，她们进一步远走高飞，远赴中国河南省的南乐教会协助培训事工，在神州大地留下了佳美的芳踪。



儿童村的学生们于学校运动日拍照留念。



2012年至2014年全体执委及一部份会员。

作为半边天，姐妹会在牧者、领袖的领导下以及与弟兄姐妹的协调、配搭下，服事的天地从初期的堂内推展到堂外，乃至无边界的海外，“巴耶黎峇”作为“家”的涵义也向四方八面开拓，涵盖了凡在主里的弟兄姐妹，“基督里一家”的意义。

每个月第一个主日的崇拜是守圣餐的时刻，弟兄姐妹们大伙聚集于大堂，在主里一家的氛围中，带着虔敬的心在庄严的圣殿中领受圣餐，崇拜后带着牧师满满的祝福，并蒙差遣出去服事。姐妹们

也开始散会后的工作，她们把教堂当成自己的家，细心照顾和打理，看到弟兄姐妹们在圣殿里敬拜赞美主，领受了美好的信息与祝福，姐妹们知道她们所付出的是值得的，心中感欣慰，喜乐常充满。

姐妹们认真服事也敬虔崇拜、听道，她们像马大一样尽心尽力侍候主，也像马利亚一样，选择了那上好的福分，那不可少的事，绝不错过来到主耶稣脚前听道的好机会，按恰当时刻做恰当的事，姐妹们都是有福的人。姐妹们的事奉看

似简单，也不足以令人挂齿，却令人敬佩。她们是我学习的好榜样，如今，我已是她们当中的一分子，希望以平凡的方式谦卑的服事上帝，与主常有亲密关系，让人生更充实，生命更坚强，灵命更丰盛。

“我来了，是要叫羊得生命，并且得的更丰盛。”（约10:10）

姐妹们，我来了，你们在哪儿？



姐妹会于90年代在柬埔寨以马内利儿童村助养了两位学生，她们渐渐长大，充满智慧。

妇女服务会历届会长芳名

妇女会创立至今已近70年，在我们的一生这是一段漫长的岁月，但在历史的长河中仅是瞬间的一刹那。历史既不能停留，妇女会也有待延续，新会长有待物色。

以下为首任至现任会长芳名录，共19任14位姐妹。发起人之一为白水金女士，年代未详。

1945 — 1950	首任会长陈银瓶女士(安息)
1951 — 1961	吴昭智牧师娘
1962 — 1966	韦柔顺女士(安息)
1967 — 1968	何秀琴女士
1969 — 1973	韦柔顺女士(同上)
1974	何秀琴女士
1975 — 1978	李宝璇女士
1979 — 1983	许俊英女士(安息)
1984 — 1985	吴锦华女士
1986 — 1989	黄秀兰女士
1990 — 1992	徐玉宝女士
1993 — 1996	黄秀兰女士
1997 — 1998	李宝璇女士
1999 — 2000	黄秀兰女士
2001 — 2004	严思敏女士
2005 — 2008	松金英女士
2008 — 2010	陈莲花女士
2010 — 2012	孙赛娥女士
2012 — 2014	陈莲花女士



姐妹会部份会员、教会弟兄姐妹连同教牧探访孤儿院。



退修营寓教于乐——鼓励姐妹们同心合意同事奉。



姐妹会与伯大尼疗养院老人家们同祝生日、同欢唱。

“虽然有眼泪但这是我们的家”

许巽然

少年团契辅导 (1997 - 2009)

少年团契起源于1976年，当时称为“学生团契”，运作了10年后，1986年改名为“少年团契”。从1976年算起，至今已38年了！将近40的日子，见证了国家语文政策的转变——许多讲华语的年轻人转变成“英华双语”的新生代，而教会也不例外，原以华语为主的团契也跟着转变成今天的形式，拥有自己的双语崇拜。

曾经在团契担任辅导的弟兄姐妹，在岁月的运转，时间的推移下，也随着团契的成长而成长、成熟。有踏入全时间事奉的、在教会担任领袖的、在基督教圈子服事的，也有当了牧师的。其中担任过辅导的包括黄幼莲牧师，陈爱玉传道、邓运好、郑真真、许克亮、胡威政、陈荣明、陈荣发、李家珊、林真真、许思敏、黄俚钧、蔡严信以及本人。愿意在年轻人的生命中投入心血和时间的弟兄姐妹，肯定是上帝永恒国度中的贵重器皿。

有人说，在教会里最艰难的事奉岗位就是少年团契。这句话讲得是事实，然而在少年团契事奉过的人也应该也会补上一句：“在教会里最能改变生命，并且有满足感的事奉岗位也是少年团契。”箴言22:6说：“教养孩童，使他走当行的道，就是到老他也不偏离。”少年时期正是孩子接触花花绿绿世界的时期，而少年团契却能在38年的岁月里不断重复着同样的事工，其动力就在于一个信念——栽培下一代的基督徒。

青少年事工是教会所看重的事工，因为如果一间教会没有了青少年，教会就会断根。这些年来，我们所经历的、所看到的，有成为领袖的弟兄姐妹，有离开教会的弟兄姐妹，有的仍然还在上帝的国度里事奉，有的已经失去联络。盼望在往后的年月日中，少年团契仍然可以扮演一个引导年轻人归向基督的肢体，在永恒的国度留下永恒的价值与无限美好的生命。

作为一间多代同堂的家庭式教会，祖父祖母、父亲母亲、孩子与伙伴、孙子、曾孙等，必然会继续在这个建立了75年的大家庭中成长、崇拜、团契，彼此相爱、结婚、成长、衰弱，乃至老去，尽管有磨擦、有矛盾、虽然有眼泪，但这里是我们的家！



Introducing the EJMYF, the English Juniors Methodist Youth Family. Actually 'F' stands for Fellowship, but for all intents and purposes this Fellowship has grown and lived like one continuous Family through the years.

This family of youth is very unique. Unique in an unusual sort of way where members of this family eventually grow old and leave, only to be replaced by new young members. This makes the family very organic and dynamic, a family where the 'parents' (teachers, planners, committee) grow old but the youth remain the same age.

Youth Camp 2013 – the young youth (13) to the graduated youth (18+++)

Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment. Remove vexation from your heart, and put away pain from your body, for youth and the dawn of life are vanity. Ecclesiastes 11.9-10



Serving in the Youth ministry constantly reminds me of the days of my youth. Indeed the stories that would be shared by the youths from 20 years ago would in many ways still sound unmistakably familiar to the youth of today. Similarly, the experiences of the youth today would also bring a strangely warm feeling of nostalgia to the youth of 20 years ago.

Each year the youth continue to meet on Sundays for fellowship and Bible study; each year we have our youth camps; each year we have our games and activities. Everyone who has been through this ministry will have their own stories and experiences to share that is centred on a time of life that everyone goes through – the days of youth. This shared story and experience through the generations is what makes this very unique and unusual family one.

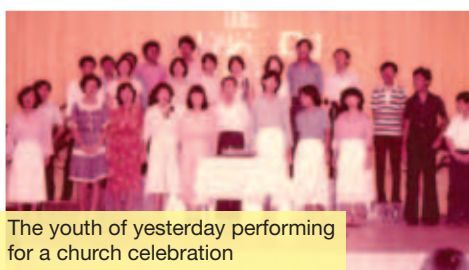


A multi-generational family of parents, helpers and youth.

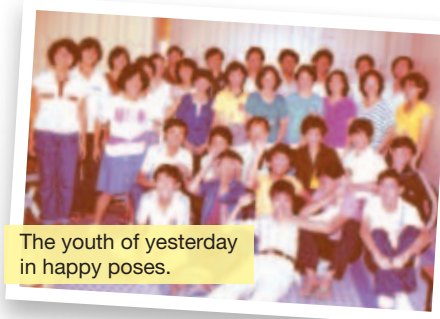
This continuous change of people in the ministry is highly reflective of the days of youth, days where the things around change quickly and constantly. The six or so short years that a youth spends in this ministry can go by just like that, and soon it is time to move on to another stage in life. However, the bonds that the youth form during this time together will last them for a lifetime.



The youth of today performing the 2013 Musical "Sold to Save"



The youth of yesterday performing for a church celebration



The youth of yesterday in happy poses.



The youth of today in weird poses.

Senior Citizens Fellowship

By Chan Kwang Hong

During the late 1980s, a group of God-fearing and dedicated brothers and sisters led by Mr Ong Heng Kok, Mdm Ang Geok Kie, the late Mr Koh Kok Hua, the late Keng Soh (amongst others) were concerned that many of the senior church members had no opportunities to meet and interact for fellowship except only on Sunday Church Services. They therefore embarked on the mission of finding an avenue for the Seniors to meet regularly apart from the Sunday Services. They therefore started the Senior Citizens Fellowship for the Seniors to meet regularly. On 20th September 1987, the Senior Citizen Fellowship was officially launched.

The objectives of the Fellowship were to foster care and love among the Seniors, edify one another with God's Word, strengthen the faith of each other, live in harmony etc. To achieve these objectives, monthly fellowship meetings were organised where various Christian topics were expounded by invited speakers; outings were also organised every now and then.

Membership was opened to church members aged 55 years and above. Those aged below 55 years were also welcomed to join in the activities organised by the fellowship. Many in the fellowship had encountered hardship during the Japanese occupation of Singapore from February 1942 to September 1945. Their faith was severely tested and they emerged victorious. Praise the Lord!

The members originally were from the Hokkien service. Praise be to our Lord, we now have members from the Mandarin, Teochew and English services. And membership has grown to around 100.

The Fellowship was successful in engaging the seniors through interesting programmes. Fellowship meetings were well supported throughout the years.

Many in the leadership also hold important positions in the LCEC. Thus the Fellowship is able to work very closely with various agencies and provide leadership.

Apart from the planned monthly fellowship meetings, the fellowship organised trips out of Singapore. We have short (1 day), medium (2-3

days) and long outings (7 days). We have been to various parts of China such as Beijing, Shanghai, Xiamen, (just to name a few), Vietnam, Thailand, Taiwan, Malaysia, Indonesia and Australia.

The members were encouraged to keep healthy and fit. Thus we have talks on health topics by doctors and nutritionist. An exercise centre was also set up for the members to exercise.

The fellowship works closely with the WSCS and supported each other in our respective programmes. We have joint celebration fellowship/services such as Chinese New Year, Christmas and Parents' day, and others as and when planned.

Financially, the fellowship is independent. All activities and programme are self-funded. We are thankful to our Lord for the members' generous support. We are able to provide financial support to Mission Works, Social Concern, Outreach and Trinity Theological College if called upon.

Sing Praise to God who Reigns above
The God of all Nations
The God of Power
The God of Love
The God of our Salvation...
To God all Praise and Glory

Methodist Hymnal



Our 2013/2014 Committee consisted of the following:

- Advisers** : Rev. Dr. Chong Chin Chung • Rev. Daniel Teoh • Pastor Benny Tan
Mr Ong Heng Kok • Mdm Ang Geok Kie • Mdn Lee Poh Suan
- Chairperson** : Mr Chan Kwang Hong • Mr Yeong Swee Seong
- Secretary** : Mr Tay Pak Nia • Mdm Nasha Wanty
- Treasurer** : Mr Foo Kee Wah • Mdm Lina Ong Bee Lian • Mdm Janet Ng Pao Pao
- General Affairs** : Mdm Koo Meng Ing • Mr Sim Kok Chye • Mdm Tan Cheng Geok
Mdm Ong Lay Kheng
- Devotion** : Mdn Low Ah Kim • Mdn Ng Siew Lam • Mdn See Yok Fah
- Fellowship** : Mdm Helen Gan • Mdm Lim Ah Soon • Mdm Goh Gim Hua
- Mission** : Mdn Alice Lee Ah Moi • Mdn Kim Eng • Mdm Lim Guek Lian
- Social** : Mdm Toh Chwee Eng • Mdm Yeo Kim Chee • Mdm Poon Sock Ket
Mdm Ng Kan Soon • Mdm Helen Wong Chew Wan

打造袖喜悦 中坚力量

陈玉卿
成年团契团长

时光荏苒，我参加成年团契已有20多年，记忆中历任会长（恕我不按年份排序）有宾升泰、袁嘉民、林添翔、黄声杰、刘汉昌、罗文基等，他们殷勤的付出塑造了今日成年团契的发展、壮大的可喜规模。

成年团契的功能在于巩固成年人对于教会的归属感与委身感，因此成年团契应成为成年人与会众及教会各肢体联系的一个平台。感谢上帝，因为众弟兄姐妹在这方面的共同努力，我们成年团契所举办的各种活动都取得了不错的成果。至今为止，成年团契主办的活动计有：

新春捞鱼生，为教会夫妇提供重立婚姻誓言、重拾浪漫感情的温馨情人节，2014年的LEGOLAND欢乐亲子游，中秋节聚会，为加强亲子关系而给繁忙的弟兄姐妹及家人提供到大自然探索及休闲的家庭郊游，各类属灵知识讲座，以及福音见证会，如李南星见证会等。

这些活动一方面加强了教会各肢体弟兄姐妹的联系与团契，进一步巩固“教会是我家”的温馨氛围，另一方面正如华委主席文基弟兄所言，成年团契发挥了火车头的作用，带动其他肢体一起参与全教会性的大型活动，打造“基督里一家”共同事奉的火热禾场。我们为着上帝的带领而感恩，也为着成年团契的明天而战战兢兢，不敢丝毫懈怠。

科技的飞速发展让我们应接不暇，也改变了我们沟通与交流的方式。例如Face book等社交网站变革了现代人交友的方式，而人际关系却不再那么容易深入，快速又刺激，却流于肤浅。对基督徒而言，大型教会（Mega-church）的兴起也改变了许多敬拜的方式，家庭式的教会组织似乎在新的时代显得有些落伍了。同时，我们对职场、家庭、子女教育投入了更多时间，许多人似乎已经抽不出时间来建立及巩固与上帝及与人的关系。再者，现代青年人的自我意识膨胀，似乎很难为传统的教会活动所吸引，成年团契的活动也很少花时间来参与，以联络感情、促进友谊，成年人与青年人之间的代沟因此越来越明显。这些问题是众教会所面对的共同难题，它造成了成年团契成员老龄化、后继乏人的棘手局面，这是成年团契所面对的最大挑战。

综上所述，继续寻找更好更适合新情势的节目内容，探索更新更有意义的活动，以凝聚成年团契现有的中坚力量，并吸引更多年轻一代的成年人参与成年团契的活动，乃至加入成年团契的服事团队，将是成年团契今后努力的方向。愿上帝激励我们，彼此扶持，将成年团契打造成更具活力，更讨上帝喜悦的教会中坚力量！





反向宣教初熟的果子

吴化良
五谷团契

- 耶稣说：“所以，你们要去，使万民作我的门徒，奉父、子、圣灵的名给他们施洗。”（太28:19-20）
- 随着时代的改变，世界经济一体化的进程加快，原本未听闻福音者大量涌进城市。传福音的使命，呼召了新加坡一群上帝的仆人，展开了一项新的事工：向门前禾场传福音，谓之曰：反向宣教。

一 成立背景

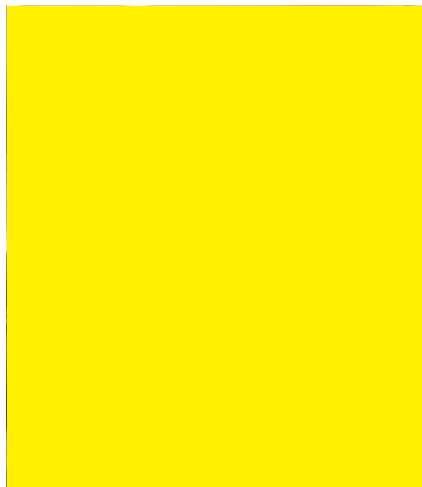
- 五谷团契始于2007年。当时每隔一段时间，就有一批在中国受过良好教育的资讯科技专才来到新加坡。他们就如同没有牧人的羊，需要喂养和带领。于是在蔡尚志牧师和师母的带领下，由五、六位对中国人事工有负担的人自愿参与，透过郊游、探访、英文课程、洗礼分享会、乒乓球赛等形式，邀请他们来教会参与活动，做一些松土和福音预工的工作。
- 当时，透过嘉明弟兄联络的护士团契，也每年从中国征募受训护士到新加坡来，教会的弟兄姐妹则成为她们的导师（Mentor）。弟兄姐妹也将她们带领来教会，加入于后来成立的五谷团契的生活中。
- 随着越来越多的中国父母将孩子送到海外受教育，我们也接触到许多陪读妈妈和孩子，他们在孩子上学、住宿及生活上遇到许多的困难，需要一些帮助，透过教会的弟兄姐妹带领，也加入这个团契中。如此，参加团契的新朋友人数和事奉的工人皆与日俱增。



二 命名与异象

- 为了帮助这些来自远方的朋友，也回应上帝的呼召，使万民做主门徒，使更多的中国人听到福音的好消息，五谷团契于2010年1月正式成立。
- 团契的名称是取自约翰福音4章35-36节，主耶稣说：“你们岂不说：‘到收割的时候，还有四个月’吗？我告诉你们，举目向田观看，庄稼已经熟了，可以收割了。收割的人得工价，积蓄五谷到永生，叫撒种的和收割的一同快乐。”





三

事工与活动

- 持续不断的福音预工：英文课程、生活讲座、郊游、体育活动、生活辅导与关怀、节庆活动等。
- 福音聚会和见证分享：个人布道、见证分享、福音影片、启发课程、布道会。
- 门徒训练：导航会门训课程，大使命门训课程、团契、查经班、小组。
- 福音分享主要对象：专业人士、学生（IT、护士等）及教会弟兄姐妹所接触的中国朋友。
- 最初，五谷团契接受洗礼的弟兄姐妹并不多，每次洗礼人数2至3位，而且因为工作的关系，他们流动性很大，在短短的两年时间，在本堂受洗后回国或转入其他教会事奉的超过十多位。当然更多的人是留下来事奉。
- 目前，透过“五谷”的栽培，受洗的人数已经接近40位；留在五谷事奉的有近20位。
- 启发课程：为了使我们传福音的事工更有果效，我们在不断检讨的基础上，于2010年引进了启发课程。由于五谷团契的资源和能力有限，先是向本堂英文现代崇拜学习，后得到华委各个肢体，以及妇女会、堂会学校等的大力帮助和积极参与，该年7月31日一一启发课程的宣传日，效果出人意料，超过200人出席。接下来每次课程，每次都有超过60人出席。课

程结束后，共有18位弟兄姐妹决志信主，同年圣诞节有9位弟兄姐妹洗礼。

2011年4月复活节，9位接受洗礼者中，有7位是透过启发课程和启发跟进课程而来的弟兄姐妹。2011年的启发课程之后，也有超过10位参与课程的弟兄姐妹洗礼归主。

2012年，启发课程于5月26日至8月19日举行，有8位弟兄姐妹决志信主。

- 除夕团圆宴：从2009年开始，每年的农历除夕夜，五谷团契也在本堂弟兄姐妹爱心的协助下，将在本地工作、学习或其他原因，不能回家乡的同胞聚集在教会，参加我们每年一度的“农历除夕团圆宴”。每年的团圆宴，参加者都有150人左右。当晚，我们不仅能看到春节联欢晚会的实况转播，吃到中国道地的水饺；也能品尝到中国大江南北不同的菜肴，和本地弟兄姐妹爱心奉献的菜肴和甜点，共50多道。浓浓的乡音，丰盛的菜肴，将弟兄姐妹们的关怀，和上帝的爱满满倾注在这些远方游子们的心中。
- 五谷团契也透过英文班、福音布道会、郊游、见证分享会等多种灵活的形式，将人带到上帝面前。同时，也积极装备有潜质的弟兄姐妹，逐步安排《门徒》训练及其他课程训练，并将他们差遣到不同的事奉岗位锻炼，以应对事工扩大的需要。

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总结

五谷团契的服侍，从松土福音预工、关怀、建立关系、分享福音、撒种、浇灌，直到结果，是一个漫长的过程、重复的循环。同工们需要等待、忍耐、爱心、耐心、和信心。而且，五谷所有参与服事者，都有自己的职业，大家凭着内心的感动和从上帝来的爱，回应上帝的呼召同心来服事。

我们更需要祷告的扶持和爱心的支持！

感谢赞美主，这都是上帝的手所做的工。恭敬归荣耀于主。阿门！

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Here at Paya Lebar Chinese Methodist Church, we seek to help those in need tide through times of difficulties.

Under our Social Concerns Policy, we have identified 3 areas of financial assistance for our members:

- 1) Livelihood Crisis Assistance
- 2) Education Assistance
- 3) Healthcare Assistance for the Elderly

Besides providing financial assistance to our members and their families in the above 3 areas, we also engage with and support various organisations to help the needy in the wider Singapore community. Some of the organisations that we have supported in the past include:

- Methodist Welfare Services
- One Hope Center
- The Boys Brigade Share a Gift
- Transient Workers Count II
- Ling Kwan nursing home
- All Saints nursing home
- Grace Haven



The Methodist Church must view the perplexing times and problems we face today in the light of the life and teaching of Jesus. Jesus teaches us to love our neighbours and to seek justice for all. Silence and passivity in the face of need, injustice and exploitation is to deny Christ.

Methodist Book of Discipline ¶182

