



我堂设堂75周年志庆

神恩浩大

并要在患难之日求告我，我必搭救你。
你也要荣耀我。 诗篇50:15

洪玉枝及全家
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Beginning and Growth of our church English Worship Services

Daniel Loo

PLCMC started as a Hokkien dialect speaking church. In the 1970s, the church pastor Rev Wu Chao Chi strongly supported, with foresight, the request and need for an English Worship Service to keep the English educated children of the Hokkien speaking parents in PLCMC.

Before the English Service started, the church started a bilingual Mandarin / English service with interpretation in the 1970s. It was not successful as the service took twice as long and was with mixed directions.

The English Service (ES) was started in August 1980

When the ES was first started, it was attended by about 50 to 80 mainly youths and young adults. As not many members were working, the ES depended on the rest of PLCMC for its financial needs - you could say it was like a 'poor and needy son' at that time!

This changed as the adults started developing in their careers and in later years, began contributing to the church's resources and also taking on leadership roles in PLCMC. This indeed is a testimony of God's blessings!

The committee that was in charge of the ES was called **English Congregation Working Committee (ECWC)**

1. In the initial years, this was made up of young adults with minimal pastoral leadership and oversight, as CAC did not have many English speaking pastors
2. Early members included Teck Seng, Suat Khoh, Gerald, Keng Tat, Jeffrey Lim, Wilfred Leow, Puay Yong and Rosalind Yio, Siew

Ghee and Daniel Loo. The ECWC in the early years focused on teaching and pastoral care (since we did not have any full time pastors), as well as having Church Retreats since many of the congregation members were young.

Pastoral support and Cover

In the initial years of the ES, CAC had a lack of English speaking pastors and could not assign a pastor to look after the ES. Rev Williamson, a bilingual missionary from the US, was assigned to conduct monthly Holy Communion for the ES. All other religious ceremonies, eg, wedding, baptism etc, were taken care of by the PIC. As a result of this, the ES developed a system of lay "pastoral" care, where the lay stepped forward to provide pastoral care to the congregation, resulting in its unique nature of a 'family' church.

The ES was later assigned young pastors like Justin Tsang and Wyle Tan. Other pastors who later came to be in charge of the ES include Rev Victor Goh and Jennie (two terms), Rev Daniel Lee and Anna, Rev Wilfred Leow and Christine, Rev Gideon Choi and Sharon, and Rev David Liew.

Growth of ES

Growth came from

1. Teaching in Spirit filled ministry
2. Ministry through CG connectedness
3. Focus on family linked congregation
4. Multiplication of ministries, indirectly from groups departing for various reasons



5. King's Kids (as an outreach ministry, through touching children and their families)
6. Parenting seminars (later years) in conjunction with KK

Splitting into 3

The ES had invited charismatic speakers leading to it being an early adopter of the spirit filled ministry in PLCMC. There were some however, who were not comfortable with this, leading to the setup of the Liturgical Service. At the same time, there were other who felt the call to setup a Cell Group Church, as opposed to a Church with Cell Groups, leading to the setup of the Methodist Mission.

As a result, in 1999 the ES was split into 3 services:

- **The Contemporary Service (CS)**, the new name for the ES, which had a focus on a contemporary style of worship and to serve the needs of the youths
- **The Liturgical Service (LS)**, which had a focus on a more traditional style of worship and to get back English speaking PLCMC members who had left looking for such a service
- **The Methodist Mission (MM)**, which had a focus on being a Cell Group Church and to minister to the community of Lorong Ah Soo

Uniqueness characteristics of CS (ES)

- CG care focused
- Family
- Teaching
- Strong and active lay

Key Ministries

- King's Kids – see other article on this
- Cell Groups (CG) – focused and tight community support. The downside is the CG is a 'closed' group.
- Basic Accountability Groups (BAG) – implemented for a short period before a change in Pastoral direction led to an abrupt end.



By Sim Ing

PLCMC King's Kids Children Ministry

In 1996, a group of PLCMC English Sunday School teachers attended a children ministry conference in Alor Setar, Malaysia. From the conference, we learnt that this generation of children learn in multi-faceted ways. In order to effectively reach our children, we need to employ creative and multi-media styles of teaching. We also realised the importance of training and equipping our children as leaders of the future church as mentioned in *Psalm 127:4 - Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth.*

As a result, we all felt the need to start up a children ministry that will impact our generation of children. After much prayer and seeking of the Lord's directions, King's Kids ministry was birthed forth in May 1997. Our first ministry leader was Moses Wong. Initially we met on Sunday morning at 8.30am. Later on, we decided to move the timing to Saturday afternoons so that we can extend our evangelistic outreach to more children. Our evangelistic efforts went out to our church's kindergarten students, Paya Lebar Methodist Girl's Primary and neighbourhood children in the community such as Tai Keng Gardens and HDB flats in Joo Seng. Through our Camps and Special Programs, the number of children attending King's Kids increased. We even chartered mini-buses to ferry the children to-and-from nearby locations. Please see some of the photos of our Special Programs through the years.

However with the closure of our church kindergarten, our target audience was reduced and children's attendance dwindled. At the same time, another Children Ministry Mighty Power Kids started at our Mission Point in PLMGS. So in April 2010, King's Kids stopped meeting on Saturdays and we resumed meetings on Sunday mornings. Subsequently, the CS and Liturgical Services Sunday Schools merged, and continues to meet on Sunday mornings.



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2009 Alpha



Contemporary Service



2010 Alpha



2011 Christmas Baptism





▶ 2011 Easter



▶ 2011 Alpha



▶ 2011 Pentecost Baptism

基督里归一家

许克源牧师
潮语崇拜

80年代后期，华人年议会宣教部主席邱仁发牧师指出，在新加坡华人人口中，使用潮汕方言的人数众多，仅排在闽南语群体之后。华人年议会没有潮语堂会或潮语福音事工，潮汕方言群体成为年议会的“未得之民”。

当时的主理张振忠牧师、执行委员会主席王兴国先生和会友领袖许国华先生，都积极回应年会宣教部的呼吁，并经由牧区议会通过，增设潮语崇拜。1992年，华人年议会委派本人到本堂任协理，开始筹备成立潮语崇拜；本堂无论是潮籍的或其他籍贯的会友，也积极响应与支持。

本人于是召集潮籍的会友，努力学习用潮汕方言唱诗、读经、祈祷、领会、报告、分享与教导。起初大家感到生硬拗口，但是，大家努力不懈，终于克服了困难，能流利顺畅地使用潮汕方言，传扬基督的救恩，见证上帝的大爱。





1992年8月23日，巴耶黎峇卫理公会的历史掀开了新篇章——潮语崇拜成立了！

潮语崇拜于每主日下午2时，在2楼圣殿进行。崇拜前设有堂会学校圣经班，崇拜后在楼下副堂则安排茶叙团契。我们锁定对象、确认使命：向讲潮汕方言的亲人朋友传福音。因此，潮语崇拜只使用潮汕方言，而不传译为其他的语言。如果讲员以其他语言证道，则必须传译为潮汕话。

潮剧，俗称潮州戏，深受各籍贯喜爱戏剧者所喜爱。本堂于2003年11月25日，邀请由陆玉娥老师领导的艺韵演剧社，在副堂演出传统潮剧折子戏，吸引了500多人前来教堂观赏，非常热闹！陆玉娥及其弟妹和母亲也先后在本堂信主受洗！在潮语崇拜的好几位弟兄姐妹，即是来观赏潮剧后参与潮语崇拜并信主受洗的。





潮语崇拜的弟兄姐妹向来参与基督教新加坡潮语福音事工促进会历届的“联欢会”、“退修会”和“布道会”。在陈莉莉姐妹的领导之下，弟兄姐妹在教会特别聚会中呈献潮州歌谣、潮语诗歌等节目。此外，工作委员会也为弟兄姐妹主办一日游或三天两夜的短程旅游活动。

在各个崇拜会众的爱护与支持下，历届主理牧师、牧师、传道、信徒领袖、工作委员会及弟兄姐妹同心配搭，使潮语崇拜的出席人数得以稳定，在每一年的复活节和圣诞节，都有一、两位成人受洗，加入教会为会友。

这里让我们纪念、思念一同成立潮语崇拜，先后安息主怀的弟兄姐妹，他们是：刑玉轩、许俊英、谢恩惠、潘愈惜、许丽英、魏丽侠、张伍英、庄金莲等人。按教会的记录，过去的22年，参加潮语崇拜信主受洗后，先后安息主怀者有60多位弟兄姐妹。

潮语崇拜目前有80多名会友。七成以上的年龄超过65岁，是新加坡的“建国一代”！方言的福音事工，也就是“建国一代”的事工！我们更要抓紧时间，刻不容缓地向使用潮汕方言，向未信主的亲人朋友传福音，引领他们信主受洗加入教会，并给予牧养，把他们完完全全引到上帝的面前，让不同籍贯的弟兄姐妹都在基督里归入于一个大家庭。



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