

GROWING IN **FRUITFULNESS**



2024
ANNUAL REPORT

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Notice and Agenda of AGM 2025. Notice is hereby given that the 61st AGM of the Church of the Ascension will be held in the Sanctuary on **Sunday, 27 April 2025, 11:30am** for the following purposes:

- a. To confirm the Minutes of the 60th AGM held on 28 April 2024;
- b. To approve the Annual Report for 2024;
- c. To approve the audited accounts for 2024;
- d. To approve the Budget for 2025;
- e. To elect members to the 2025/26 Parochial Church Council (PCC):
 - i. People's Warden
 - ii. 7 Committee Members
- f. To appoint the Auditor for the ensuing year;
- g. To transact Any Other Business

2. Nomination of PCC Members. Nomination opens on 6 April 2025. Nomination forms can be obtained through (a) the Parish's website, or (b) hardcopies from the Church Office. The completed nomination forms must be submitted before **Sunday, 20 April 2025, 1:00pm** (email to pcc_secretary@ascension.org.sg or return the hardcopy to the Church Office.)

3. Raising of Questions at AGM. Electoral Roll members who wish to raise questions at the AGM should email the Hon. Secretary before **Sunday, 20 April 2025, 1:00pm** (pcc_secretary@ascension.org.sg). Only questions that have been submitted in writing will be addressed at the AGM. The Chairman reserves the right to allow for any follow-up questions during the AGM.

BY ORDER OF
THE 2024/25 PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL



Marcus Sia
Honorary Secretary

6 April 2025

MINUTES OF THE 60TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

HELD ON SUNDAY, 28TH APRIL 2024, 11:30AM AT THE SANCTUARY

OPENING

1 With an attendance of 141 Electoral Roll (ER) members present at 11:30 AM, Honorary Secretary announced that the quorum had been fulfilled for the conduct of the AGM to proceed. Chairman/ Vicar Revd Ian Chew commenced the AGM with an opening prayer. A total of 149 ER members attended the AGM.

VICAR'S ADDRESS

2 In his address, Vicar shared that we are on a journey as a Church and recounted God's leading of the church over the past 3 years. In 2022 we embarked on Rebuilding God's House after the COVID-19 pandemic and the sermon series reflected that focus. In 2023 the Lord led us into the theme of Growing Deeper to anchor our lives individually and corporately in God's Word before we can progress further. For the next step, the Lord was leading us to Grow in Fruitfulness in 2024.

3 Vicar then elaborated on what it means to grow in fruitfulness. He exhorted Ascensionaires to abide in Christ and obey his commandments. Growing in fruitfulness impacts our ministries. These ministries support the church services, which are the highlights of our church life. We must, however, remember that services are not so much about us as it is about God and we gather each week to give Him glory. The Greek word for Church is "Ekklesia" which is the physical gathering of God's people to worship Him. Vicar urged members to make coming to service a priority.

4 Secondly, Vicar spoke about growing in Cell Groups which is where we get to share deeply, study God's Word, and pray and support one another. Vicar thanked Cell leaders for leading the groups. He shared the Cell Group structure where we have 24 Cell Groups and 6 clusters led by 6 Cell Facilitators. Our Cell groups also came together to organize Alpha. Out of this, a new Cell Group, Cornerstone, was formed and is led by Desmond and Kimberly Teo.

5 Vicar then expressed his thanks to the teachers of our Children's Ministry. Our teachers have served faithfully over the past years to take care of children so that parents can attend services with full ease of mind while their children are being fed with the Word of God. This ministry, in turn, has had a deep and profound impact on our Chaplaincies.

6 Our Youth Ministry (Kardia) leaders, led by Angelina Lim, shape the lives of our young people. Vicar shared that the process of discipleship of our young people needs to also evolve as this generation is more connected than ever before yet they are also more alienated at the same time. While social media has been instrumental in informing and connecting people, it cannot facilitate the forming of connections at the deeper, heart-level. Kardia therefore plays the critical role of rooting young people in God's Word and forming community. Vicar urged parents to support the church's efforts in this regard.

7 Vicar also expressed his appreciation for all other ministries but he has chosen to highlight the importance of the children and young people's ministries as these are critical to enabling our work among the school chaplaincies. Our chaplaincies are open doors that God has provided for us to reach out to these communities. Chaplaincy work should not be done in isolation away from the life of the church. This is because as ambassadors for the church, those who serve represent the church in connecting these communities with the church. Chaplaincies are therefore an extension of our church life.

8 The chaplaincy of St Andrew's Junior School has embarked on new ways of outreach. These include a badminton camp, prayer walks and the BB camp and enrolment service. Ps Barnabas, Shaun and Sam front this work with the Junior School. He also highlighted the name change of Ascension Kindergarten to Little Seeds Preschool (Church of the Ascension). This name change took effect at the start of 2024 and coincides with the official pivot from a kindergarten to a childcare centre. He was also thankful for the flourishing of Little Seeds Preschool (Ascension) which had a waitlist of children hoping to get a place at the centre.

9 St Andrew's Hall hosts 250 ASEAN scholars who come from 15 schools. To date, there are 10 sets of parents from our church taking care of 26 students from the hall. He invited more members to join the Local Host Programme as the hall expects to receive a fresh intake of a hundred students from various ASEAN countries in October this year.

10 Our church embarked on a new chaplaincy work at St Andrew's Nursing Home (Aljunied) which currently has 119 care staff including Staff Nurses and Registered Nurses. Vicar shared that we were very blessed to be able to begin work at this new nursing home even before the residents were admitted. This enabled personal relationships to be formed between our chaplaincy staff and the staff of the Home. This work is spearheaded by Ps Jocelyn.

11 Vicar expressed that all our Chaplaincies are not just activities but ministries that complement our church life. It is not just about sowing seeds but connecting people to the church. Growing a Christ-like community cannot be done in isolation so the chaplaincies and various church ministries must work hand in hand.

12 Vicar then went on to speak about Growing in Fruitfulness in our communities, To this end, the 3 parishes in St Andrew's Village partner each other to reach out to the residents of Potong Pasir and Bidadari. Our Chinese ministry spearheads the Happy Saturday programme and our efforts in the coming year will be even more intentional. The parishes will collaborate to coordinate outreach events and publish them together. Vicar noted that COA won the championship for the first SAV soccer tournament. Combined prayer meetings have also been held and will be held regularly.

13 In this coming year, there will be opportunities for members to reach out to family and friends. Special services as well as the Alpha course provide occasions for members to reach out.

14 The church has also grown in Missions with a Board of Evangelism and Missions (BEAM) Committee Chairperson Lawrence Lee appointed in 2023. Vicar highlighted the mission trips organized so far and these trips helped sharpen our focus and strengthen our connections with the churches in these mission fields. This year we will plan more trips and this will give greater exposure of our church to our mission partners too. There will also be a special Covenant Renewal Service this year to mark our 25th year of mission work amongst our chosen Unreached People Group (UPG).

15 In conclusion, Vicar shared that what was most important is our understanding of who we are as God's people. We are not an organization but a church. We are not a company but a family. We are not a dead organism but a living body. If we are dead then we cannot produce fruit. However, if we are alive in Christ, then it is natural that we are expected to be fruitful. May we all live out our calling to be living branches to bear fruit for his Kingdom!

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

16 Adrian Choo raised questions with regard to the Young People's Ministry:

- Who are the persons overseeing the youth leaders, and ensuring their growth as they help the even younger ones grow?
- What is the accountability structure and growth measurement for the youth leaders, and youth cells?
- How has the youth grown, not just in numbers but in maturity since the last youth camp?

17 Vicar responded that Angelina Lim leads the ministry and Vicar himself oversees this work. It is not easy to quantify a measure of growth but this can be evidenced by growth in numbers. New youths have joined the church and ministry and new cells have been formed. The leadership team has also increased from 7 members to 12. With regard to their growth in maturity, this is also difficult to measure but is evidenced by how they are interacting and the sort of questions that they are asking. Our young people have been asking deeper questions of the faith.

18 Adrian also asked questions regarding Little Gems, KFC, and YPM:

- How do the various ministries help those in transition between ministries since all are of different age groups?
- How do the different ministries minister to some who mature faster than others?

19 Vicar replied that we pay particular attention at transition points when our young people transit from Little Gems to Kids For Christ and then to Kardia. Events are organised to help build relationships. It is true that some in KFC and Kardia are more mature so our teachers ask more open-ended questions that would allow for responses from the members at their stage of maturity.

20 Sandra Sng asked the following question regarding the Chaplaincy ministry: COA used to host a lunch when we invite the teachers from Ascension Childcare, Ascension Kindergarten, SAJS. The lunch provided opportunity for fellowship with the teachers and I have received feedback from teachers that such interactions showed them the support of the church. This was removed last year and the teachers I spoke to felt disappointed. Would the vicar consider to reinstate this?

21 Vicar replied that it will be considered. He further elaborated that it is not that we have not done any outreach to the teachers. Teachers Lunch for LSP teachers was held on 26 Aug 23 and for SAJS on 29 Aug 23. We did not organize lunch for teachers on Teachers Day itself and PCC felt that we can reinstate that for 2024.

22 Sandra also asked a question with regard to Community Services: Indeed we have volunteers to push the wheelchair bound patients from Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWSH) to/from COA every Sunday morning. And these can be seen as our service of love. However, every Sunday I see my brothers and sisters sweating through their clothings on hot sunny days and sometimes get caught in the rain. Can we look into seeking volunteers who drive or paying for transport to bring them to/from church?

23 Vicar firstly thanked Sandra for her concern. Vicar then gave the background as to how this came about. In Aug 23, Vicar was approached by KWSH because some of their residents wanted to go to church. Ivan, Chin Ai and other members then responded. The number of volunteers grew and we have a team of "Push-ers and Visitors". This is an example of a ground-up ministry. 6 residents now attend our services regularly on Sundays. One of them - Mary Tan received Christ and was baptized on 14 Oct 2023. Another elderly man has also received the Lord.

24 PCC had also made these observations and discussed this matter as well. We discovered that the residents did not want to be fetched. They wanted to be pushed on wheelchairs so that they can experience the outdoors and also interact with the push-ers. It was also learnt that they did not like having to be transferred from wheelchairs to a vehicle. They were not keen to come to church if we fetched them. We therefore concluded that they have to be pushed. The use of motorized wheelchairs was also explored but it was assessed to pose a greater danger for the residents. Hence the hospital recommended not to use them.

25 Dr Ling Moi Lin acknowledged the good service on the part of our members and suggested that we engage the other parishes in SAV. Vicar responded that we have also explored doing so and will involve the other parishes wherever possible.

APPROVAL OF 59th AGM MINUTES

26 Clement Chew proposed and Doreen Nah seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the 59th AGM. Electoral Roll members voted in favour of the motion.

APPROVAL OF AGM REPORTS 2023

27 Adrian Choo proposed and Jenny Quek seconded the motion to approve the AGM reports for 2023. Electoral Roll members voted in favour of the motion.

HONORARY TREASURER'S UPDATES

28 Honorary Treasurer, Priscilla Chin, presented the financial report for 2023 and budget for 2024. Total ordinary income has risen to \$1,637,743 or an increase of 14.09% Year on Year. There was a net surplus of \$358,032 for 2023 before setting aside \$96,000 for Sinking Fund. The proposed 2024 budget is \$2,143,043. This is established based on the needs of each ministry, taking into account also the actual expenditures in 2022. Priscilla also presented details of the financials for the period ending 31 March 2024. Overall, the church operated within the approved budget and the church financial and liquidity positions remain favourable. She thanked God for His provisions and the congregation for their faithful contributions.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2023

29 Victor Dass proposed and Ray Leung seconded the motion to approve the Financial Statements for 2023. Electoral Roll members voted in favour of the motion. Dhiren Shantilal enquired about the increase in manpower expense from 2022 to 2023 and Treasurer replied that it was mainly due to additional headcount.

APPROVAL OF 2024 BUDGET

30 David Tey proposed and Clement Chew seconded the motion to approve the budget for 2024. Electoral Roll members voted in favour of the motion.

APPOINTMENT OF THE VICAR'S WARDEN

31 Vicar announced the appointment of Dr Loh Kok Chi as the Vicar's Warden.

ELECTION OF THE PEOPLE'S WARDEN, PCC MEMBERS, AND SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES

32 At the close of nomination on 21 April 2024, one nomination was received for People's Warden, and seven nominees for Parochial Church Council (PCC) members. As such, there was no election and the following nominees were duly nominated into PCC:

Position	Name	Proposer	Seconder
People's Warden	Goh Chee Kong	Loh Kok Chi	Tan Kim Cheo Nancy
Council Member	Soon Khoo Gwek Neo Teresa	Phua Lim Mui Kiam	Ong Kah Hui Victor
Council Member	Priscilla Chin Wai Sum	Goh Chee Kong	Patricia Tan Mui Siang
Council Member	Eng Choon Kong Randy	Priscilla Chin Wai Sum	Yau Hoe Kiat Patrick
Council Member	Paul Chua Yong Hwa	Goh Chee Kong	Teo Swee Pieu
Council Member	Quek Chow Watt Lai Fun Jenny	Loh Lee Ee Meen	Phua Lim Mui Kiam
Council Member	Tay Aik Keong Winston	Ong Kah Hui Victor	Cheang Yew Kong Andrew
Council Member	Sia Wei Sheng Marcus	Sng Wei Xiong Jonathan	Ng Jun Kai

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2023

33 Priscilla Chin, as Honorary Treasurer for 2023, proposed and Clarence Nah seconded the motion to retain Baker Tilly TFW LLP as COA's auditor for 2024. Electoral Roll members voted in favour of the motion.

CLOSING

34 Honorary Secretary thanked COA members for their faithful support and participation in the AGM. The meeting ended at 1255 PM with the Benediction by Chairman / Vicar.



RECORDED BY:
VINCENT LIM
HONORARY SECRETARY
PCC 2023/24



VETTED BY:
REVD IAN CHEW
CHAIRMAN/VICAR

ATTENDANCE FOR 60TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. ANG Chin Choo, Jessie
2. CHAN Chia Nyat Hiong, Stella
3. CHAN Weng Cheong, Gabriel
4. CHAN Swan Eng, Andrew
5. CHEANG Jun Xian, Aaron
6. CHEANG Tow Poh Huay, Adeline
7. CHEANG Xin Hui, Anna
8. CHEANG Yew Kong, Andrew
9. CHEW Jia Yin, Emma
10. CHEW Ng Yoong Ern, Esther
11. CHEW Kuan Kok, Clement
12. CHEW Lee Joo Pin, Serene
13. CHIN Wai Sum, Priscilla
14. CHIN, Veronica Wai Yen
15. CHOO, Kah Leong Adrian
16. CHUA Eer Wei Ling, Lynn
17. CHUA Loe Seok Mei, Josephine
18. CHUA, Thong Wee
19. CHUA Yong Fei, Christopher
20. CHUA Yong Hwa, Paul
21. CHUA Lim, Julian
22. DASS, Victor Jabaraj
23. EAK Thia Bee Ing
24. EE En Qi, Amelia
25. ER Yi Xuan, Emma
26. FOO Jia Yong, Shaun
27. FOONG, Lai Peng
28. GEORGE Mary
29. GOH Yip Oi Toh, Joanne
30. GOH Leong Huat
31. HAR Boom Siong
32. HO Ang Poh Choo, Rachel
33. HO, Eng Hiang
34. HO Foo Wai Yuen, Jenny
35. HO Sai Meng, Jeremy
36. HOE Chooi Ngo, Jennifer
37. KOH Chin Wai Yee, Elaine
38. KOH, Lawrence
39. KOK Ng Yi Ling
40. KOK, Clarence Wei Jie
41. KWEK Chou Lee
42. LEE Bee Leng, Helen
43. LEE Chew Suat Hong, Sally
44. LEE Pheng Hai, Lawrence
45. LEE Shannon
46. LEONG Chan Kay Joscelyne
47. LEONG Kum Cheong
48. LEONG Mei Mei, Michelle
49. LEUNG, Lik Min Raymond
50. LEUNG nee PEE, Gim Nee Jeanie
51. LIAW Tai Khim, Kimberly
52. LIEW Chew Li, Ivan John
53. LIEW Soon Chin Ai
54. LIM Hua Teng, Vincent
55. LIM Chong Wei
56. LIM Chor Khoon
57. LIM Teo, Yvonne
58. LIM Tan Li Hua, Rebecca
59. LIM Xue Ning, Angelina
60. LIM Siang Hock
61. LIM Zong Ding, Jeremy
62. LIM Hong Ghuan, Alvin
63. LING Moi Lin, Maureen
64. LOH Kok Chi
65. LOH Lee Ee Meen
66. LOKE Ho Yong
67. LOW Lai Lan, Lesley
68. LOY Sai Kheng
69. LOY Sai Tok, Olivia
70. LOY, Lily
71. LUM Tan Gek Keow, Violet
72. MAK Goh Hwee Ngee, Michelle
73. MAK, Jo Ray Jamond
74. NAH Choon Loi, Clarence
75. NAH Low Chiew Tip, Doreen
76. NEO Kai Xin, Brindabella
77. NG Mun Keong, Andrew
78. NG Heah, Nancy
79. NG Peng Soon, Robert
81. NG Liew How Mei, Marilyn
82. NG Chee Mun, Aaron
83. ONG Sim Choon Tee
84. ONG Kah Hui, Victor
85. ONG Wai Kum, Aaron
86. ONN Chin Yin, Margaret
87. PHANG Moh Sok Chan, Michelle
88. PHANG Seng Ann, Edwin
89. PHUA Kia Wang
90. PHUA Li Ern (Li'en), Eleanor
91. PHUA Lim Mui Kiam
92. QUEK Kiok Cheah, Eugene
93. SEE Lay Tin, Christina
94. SEE Teck Jen, Yuri Michael
95. SEET Swee, Dianne
96. SEOW Choon Chew
97. SEOW Ong Eng Keow

ATTENDANCE FOR 60TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

98. SEOW Si Yuan
99. SHANTILAL Dhirendra
100. SHANTILAL Manonanjitham Dass, Esther
101. SIA Mak Wan Xia, Melody
102. SIA Wei Sheng, Marcus
103. SIM Meng Kwan, Barnabas
104. SIM, Jia Xian Jovan
105. SNG Soo Chuan, Walter
106. SOON Khoo Gwek Neo, Teresa
107. SU Kow Hwa, Jonah
108. SU Seah Nyet Tshin, Hope
109. TAN Chwee Huat, Joseph
110. TAN Hong Kiang, Doris
111. TAN Kim Cheo, Nancy
112. TAN, Robin Buck Tiong
113. TAN, Tek Tin Jonathan
114. TAN Wee Wei Ling, Melina
115. TAN Wong Tiow Kiak, Elsie
116. TANG Chi Loong
117. TANG How Seok Li
118. TANG, Sze Kay
119. TAY Aik Keong, Winston
120. TAY Kew Ann, Terry
121. TAY Ng Yee Peng, Clare
122. TAY, Christian Wei Teng
123. TEO, Lawrence
124. TEO Ng Geok Buay, Joyce
125. TEO, Low Yan Li Skye
126. TEO Swee Pieu
127. TEO Tan, Kimberly
128. TEO, Poh Guan Desmond
129. TEY Peck Ling, David
130. THAM Sow Lan, Helen
131. TING Lim, Kimmy
132. TING, Benny
133. TING, Tasha
134. WONG Chan Kiat Hwee, Caroline
135. WONG Koh Ah Tin, Prisca
136. WONG Peng Hong, Esther
137. WONG Siew Mui, Dolly
138. WONG Soh Loy, Irene
139. WONG Tuck Wah, Willy
140. WONG Ying Tuck, David
141. WONG Yong Heng, Alex
142. WU Xuli, Shirley
143. YAM, Thomas Teck Seng
144. YAU Hoe Kiat, Patrick

145. YAU Tay, Rafaela
146. YEO Chew Huan Pei, Pamela
147. YEO Sung Sien, Adrian
148. YEO, Marie
149. ZACCHEUS Edward Rajeshwar

OBSERVERS:

1. CHOO, Jeanette
2. CHOO, Jocelyn
3. CHOW, Michelle
4. DIMMICK Nget Lee
5. HUANG Hui Jen (Revd)
6. LI Shao Qiang Christian
7. LU Di
8. RACHMAN, Rebeka Setiana
9. SEET, Jerald
10. SIM Hasadiah
11. SIM Vu Hai Ha
12. SIM Zoe Grace
13. TAN, Justin
14. TAN Phyllis
15. TAY Kah Soon
16. WANG Mui Peng
17. WONG Kum Huang
18. WONG Sook Won
19. ZHANG Yao

ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES FOR 60TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. CHAN Chi Leon, Clarence
2. CHAN Lup Fai, Dennis
3. CHAN Shirley
4. CHAN Yeh Shih Min, Jacqueline
5. CHAN, Lee, Elsie
6. CHEW Chee Yang, John
7. CHEW Heng Gek Hiah, Mary
8. CHEW Jia Mei, Elizabeth
9. CHEW Koh Chin Ling, Lynn
10. CHEW Kuan Choon, Clifford
11. CHIN, Lee Lee
12. CHIOK Gay Shing, Andrew
13. CHIOK Lim Mui Kee, Gena
14. CHOO Peck Hoon, Cynthia
15. CHUA Choo Boon Chin, Ivy
16. CHUA Jun Han, Clayton
17. CHUA, Lek Kuan, Edward
18. DASS, Mary
19. DENG, Chee Kwong, Jeremiah
20. DENG, Loh Lai Yoong, Daphne
21. EE Ju Gim, Mark
22. EE, Poh Ann
23. ENG Oh Poh Tee, Josephine
24. FONG Chin Chee Wah, Eunice
25. FONG, Kah Heng, Allan
26. FONG, Shee Meng Sammy
27. FONG, Tan Ai Ling
28. GOH Ng Lee Huang, Lily
29. HAR, Chang Siew Leng
30. HO Chee Meng, Benjamin
31. HO Siew Har, Irene
32. HO Yim San
33. HO, Koh Tien Tien, Tanny
34. HO, Li-Yen, Vivienne
35. HO, Ming Lai
36. HO, Tan Woon Yin, Doris
37. HO, Tun Siong, Lionel
38. HUAN Swee Leng, Vivien
39. KOH Ang Li Yen, Carol
40. KOH Tan Lee Choo, Roselyn
41. KOH Yi Zhong, Wilson
42. KOH, Emmanuelle
43. KOH, Keow Kiah, Alfred
44. LEE Lap Kuan, James
45. LEE, Choo Hoo Bee, Christianne
46. LEE, Shannon
47. LIANG Wenmei, Adora
48. LIEW, Tan Lee Wah Elizabeth
49. LIM Eng Lee Hoon
50. LIM Jit Peow, Isaac
51. LIM Peng Jin
52. LIM Siew Min, Rachel
53. LIM, Buan Yi Huey
54. LIM, Chia Ling Fang, Angela
55. LIM, Eunice Siew Yan
56. LIM, Lee Lay Moy, Julia
57. LIM, Sze Meng, Wayne
58. LIM, Tan Bee Lei Celeste
59. LIM, Xi-En, Jodie
60. LOH Chi En, Deborah
61. LOH Jia En Katherine
62. LOH Sher En, Jessica
63. LOKE, Mun Wai Andrew
64. LOKE, Pei Sze, Yvonne
65. LOKE, Seah Nget Chew Grace
66. LOW, Cheng Ooi
67. LUM Kong Wing, Jimmy
68. LUM Yuen Yat Kin, Nerina
69. MCWHINNEY, Kevin Douglas
70. MCWHINNEY, Wai Lin
71. MOEY Kirm Seng, Peter
72. NAH Hui En, Sherlyn
73. NAIDU nee Wong, Cynthia
74. NG Cui Fang, Grace
75. NG Tan Wei Qi, Jasmine
76. NG Wee Kwang, Desmond
77. NG Yeo, Marjorie
78. NG, Jun Kai
79. NG, Wai Luen, Adrian
80. NG, Yumi

ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES FOR 60TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

81. ONG, Han Hoe Jeffrey
82. OW Wai Kit
83. PAY Bee Hong, Christian
84. PHUA Li Jia, Elizabeth
85. QUEK, Chow Watt Lai Fun Jenny
86. SEE, Leong Saow Yong, Diana
87. SEET, Jodi Kim
88. SEET, Shen Yong, John
89. SEOW, Si Ern
90. SHANTILAL Benita, Sonia
91. SHANTILAL Shawn Prakash
92. SIEW, Meiling
93. SIM, Tan Peck Luan, Doris
94. SNG, Au Wai Fong, Sandra
95. SNG, David, Wei Jian
96. SNG, Jonathan Wei Xiong
97. SOON, Pee Seng
98. STEPHENS Daniel Geoffrey
99. STEPHENS Kogilam Shanti, Lily
100. STEPHENS, Chua Siok Huang, Vivien
101. STEPHENS, Gloria
102. STEPHENS, Rachel
103. TAN Chan Hwee Meng, Elsie
104. TAN Chwee Piow, Eddie
105. TAN Lai Hoe, Dennis
106. TAN Lim, Alice
107. TAN Soon Heng, David
108. TAN Tan Sock Chin
109. TAN Teck Hin
110. TAN Wee Liat
111. TAN, Lim, Hoon Hwee
112. TAN, Poh Choo Kathleen
113. TAN, Su-Mei, Cindy
114. TAN, Tan Mui Siang, Patricia
115. TAN, Yeow Koon
116. TAY, Hao Yi, Dylan
117. TEH, Chin Keat Winston
118. TEY Choo Chin Yee, Patricia
119. WATT, Wai Kit, Elton
120. WATT, Wong Huei Leng Celine
121. WEE, Teoh Lay Lee, Judy
122. WEE, Tien Chwee, Malcolm
123. WONG [Wang], Tsun Wei Linus
124. WONG Liew Huiling
125. WONG Mei Lin, Evelyn
126. WONG Yong Quan, Eugene
127. WONG Zeng Hao
128. WONG, Goh Tung May, Agnes
129. WONG, Lai. Ruth
130. WONG, Nyip Toong Bobby
131. YAM, Chow Bick Yeng, Gwendoline
132. YEO, Goh Lee Eng
133. YEO, Kim Kee Jenny
134. YEO, Qi En Madelene
135. YONG, Swee Fong

FOREWORD

Dear COA family,

As we step forward into the year of embracing **A Heartwarming Hospitality** as our theme in 2025, we are actually building on our foundations in previous years. It began with the Lord's leading to **Rebuild God's House** in 2022, to **Grow Deeper** in 2023 and to **Grow in Fruitfulness** in 2024.

As we recognise that we are God's house (Hebrews 3:6), seek to grow in knowing Christ (Philippians 3:10) and seek to grow in kingdom fruitfulness in all that do (John 15:16), we can then be inwardly confident in welcoming others in our midst with God's hospitality.

I believe that all of us have been blessed by the sermon series on A Heartwarming Hospitality in the first two months of this year. **Yet, one key aspect we must keep in mind for us is the church as "The Community of Hospitality".**

You see, ultimately the church is the body of Christ consisting of many members working together for the common good. None of us exists alone nor do we live for ourselves alone. We need to share in the labour together fulfilling our part individually. The Apostle Paul also writes of the growth of the church, "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow." (1 Corinthians 3:6).

The idea conveyed here is clear: we all have a part to play in God's kingdom.

As we embark on this year's theme, are we working together as a community? Are we lovingly sowing God's word into the lives of others, trusting that the Lord will send someone else to reap? Are we reaping in faith and diligence what others have sown? Are we contributing to the growth of the community in love by our sacrificial words and actions for the building up of others?

May we in this year of a heartwarming hospitality be enlightened, encouraged and empowered by God's infinitely loving hospitality towards us to love others together!

REVD IAN CHEW

VICAR, CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



VICAR'S REPORT

ROLE	NAME	DATE APPOINTED
Vicar	Revd Ian Chew HOUNG MEING	01 Jan 2022
Vicar's Warden	Dr Loh Kok Chi	23 Apr 2023
People's Warden	Mr Goh Chee Kong	23 Apr 2023
Parish Worker	Mr Barnabas Sim	01 Jun 2021
Lay Readers (English)	Mrs Wong Peng Hong Esther	31 Mar 2024
	Mr Chan Swan Eng Andrew	31 Mar 2024
	Mr Tan Lai Hoe Dennis	31 Mar 2024
	Mr Phua Kia Wang	31 Mar 2024
	Mr Lim Hua Teng Vincent	31 Mar 2024
	Mr See Teck Jen Yuri	31 Mar 2024
	Mr Marcus Sia	31 Mar 2024
	Mr Quek Li Kang Jerrold	06 Dec 2022
	Mr Wu Kaixuan Victor Samuel	05 Jun 2023
Lay Readers (Mandarin)	Mr Tang Chi Loong	31 Mar 2024
	Mr Deng Chee Kwong Jeremiah	20 Jan 2022
	Mr Lim Sze Meng Wayne	31 Mar 2024
	Mr Wong Yong Heng Alex	16 Sep 2024

Mission Purpose/Statement

Everyone a Disciple and Disciple Maker

Vision Statement

Growing in Fruitfulness (John 15:16)



Review of 2024 Goals

1. We successfully embarked on the theme of Growing in Fruitfulness for the year with the aim of growing in faith and outreach and rooting ourselves in the promises of God's word. To this end, we went through the sermon series of Growing in Fruitfulness in Jan-Feb, The Upside-down Kingdom of God in the season of Lent, and The Study of 2 Corinthians: Fulfilling God's Purposes in Ministry in Jul-Sep. Bible study notes based on the sermon series were also prepared for the cell groups.
2. Evangelism and outreach efforts proved to be fruitful as various initiatives, whether church-wide or personal, brought new members to join our church community. In particular, we are thankful to be able to run both English and Chinese Alpha for the first time last year.
3. Fresh bridges of partnership continue to be built up in our various Chaplaincy ministries with the different stakeholders. This has enabled more fruitful work among the students, elderly and their families we serve.
4. Mission work was fruitful as we re-established ties and renewed our focus and direction in outreach to our mission fields in Indonesia and Thailand (Chiangmai) through visitations and partnership in various programmes.

Special Points for Praise/Thanksgiving

- Our first church camp since Covid saw 250 members gather in Desaru from 1-4 June
- Our first church-wide Leaders Retreat saw 71 staff, cell and ministry leaders join in for a church envisioning exercise on 15 Nov
- 41 were baptised throughout the year and 34 were confirmed on 27 Oct
- Start of Chaplaincy work in St Andrew's Nursing Home (Aljunied) which saw 24 services held including a baptism service for the elderly in the Home
- Running of both English and Chinese Alpha outreach programmes for the first time
- A total 16 house blessings, 7 weddings and 4 mission trips were held in our church
- More than 500 people attended both our Carols By Candlelight and Christmas Service

2025 Theme and Goals

1. Theme of Heartwarming Hospitality for 2025 to prepare ourselves to be used individually and as a church as God's instrument to reach the world with Christ's love.
2. Sermon series: Heartwarming Hospitality (Jan-Mar), The Way of the Cross (Season of Lent) and Study of Hebrews (Jul-Sep) were planned in alignment with the direction for the year and bible study materials on sermon series to be prepared for cell groups.
3. Implementation of English, Chinese and Youth Alpha programmes throughout the year.

Parish Life Review: Actions Taken in 2024 and 2025 Plans

Worship and Prayer

Actions taken in 2024

- Monthly church-wide prayer meetings termed as "Hour of Power" focused the church's intercession on concerns of the church, community and the world
- SAV-wide prayer meetings were held on 5 Mar, 7 May and 3 Sep
- A Worship Ministry retreat was held on 26-27 Jul for members of the ministry
- A prayer walk was held on 3 Aug for the church to pray for the Potong Pasir and Bidadari community in conjunction with National Day
- Weekly pre-service prayer and intercession helped to deepen prayer life



Plans for 2025

Continue with monthly church-wide and quarterly SAV-wide prayer meetings

Discipleship, Fellowship, & Care

Actions taken in 2024

- COA Combined Church Camp was held from 1-4 Jun at Desaru
- Cell groups met regularly throughout the year focusing on pastoral care and bible studies based on the church's direction of Growing in Fruitfulness
- Monthly Elder Fellowship services, monthly Men's Network meetings, quarterly Women's Ministry meetings, weekly Youth fellowship meetings, bi-monthly Senior Sunday School and weekly Sunday School classes served as platforms to care for our members
- Clergy, pastoral staff and visitation teams ministered to the elderly and sick through regular visitations
- A "Restoring Emotional Wholeness" Seminar was conducted by Bp Raphael Samuel for church members on 29 Jun
- A 6-week Marriage Preparation Course (Aug-Sep) was conducted by Vicar
- A Young Adult Ministry retreat was conducted on 23-24 Aug
- A Youth Camp was held from 15-18 Dec for youths aged 13-23 years

Plans for 2025

COA Marriage Retreat to be conducted from 5-7 Sep at JB

Chaplaincy

Actions taken in 2024

- **Little Seeds Preschools (Church of the Ascension and Ascension):** Regular devotions were conducted for both staff and students. Special outreach activities and programs were also organised during Holy Week, Christmas, Teachers' Day and Children's Day and Graduation Days.
- **St Andrew's Junior School:** Weekly devotions and bi-monthly chapel sessions were conducted for students. Recess and after-school outreach activities in the form of Saints Haven, Hope and Up-and-On program were organised to reach out to students. The Boys Brigade (BB) activities continued on a weekly basis and the BB Enrolment Service was held in COA on 3 Mar.
- **St Andrew's Hall:** Weekly devotions were conducted for all students and a weekly Christian Fellowship meeting held for Christians and seekers. Host Family program involved church members in care for the students
- **St Andrew's Nursing Home (Aljunied):** 24 services were held throughout the year including a baptism service where 5 were baptised. Chaplaincy staff worked with Nursing Home staff and volunteers to care for needs of residents.

Plans for 2025

Organise Dedication and Official Opening Ceremony for SANH (Aljunied)

Evangelism

Actions taken in 2024

- An adult Alpha (English) outreach was held from Jul-Sep and an adult Alpha (Chinese) held from Sep-Nov.
- A Mid-Autumn Festival celebration was held on 14 Sep to reach out to friends and residents of Potong Pasir.
- Carols By Candlelight and an outdoor Christmas Market was organised on 21 Dec to reach out to friends and relatives of our members.
- Comlink outreach events continued on a monthly basis to bless and encourage the women who are free on weekday mornings in the community
- Regular sports outreach was conducted by the Kardia Youth Ministry for the youths in the SASS Indoor Sports Hall and other locations



Plans for 2025

Youth Alpha to be held from Feb-May and combined adult English and Chinese Alpha to be held in Jul-Sep concurrently

Community Services



Actions taken in 2024

- Combined SAV service was held on 30 Jun at St Andrew's Junior College Cultural Centre to reach out to community
- An Advanced Care Planning (ACP) Talk was organised by the Elder Fellowship ministry on 13 Jul to reach out to the community
- Participation in St Andrew's Village Community Projects (SAVCPs) outreach to Potong Pasir and Bidadari residents through Happy Saturday activities
- Ministry to Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital residents which included weekly visitations and wheeling of interested residents to COA Sunday services

Plans for 2025

Partner with other churches to reach out to nursing homes in community

Missions

Actions taken in 2024

- Mission trip to Chiang Mai by Chinese Ministry (14–19 Aug) to reach out to local Chinese community and equip local church leaders for ministry
- Visitation and prayer-walk trip to South Kalimantan from 7–10 Aug to renew and strengthen COA's support for the local field partners in the ministry
- Revd Kingsley Ponniah shared at 25th anniversary service commemorating COA's outreach to Unreached People's Group (UPG) on 13 Oct
- Participation by COA youths in 2 youth camps in Chiangmai from 4–10 Dec



Plans for 2025

Revd Noppadon to share at COA's Mission Sunday Service on 12 Oct.

Development Projects/Other Special Projects

COA's facade repair work was completed in Mar. Works included patching hollow walls, replacing corroded joints/screws and repairing broken joints on the external parts of the building. This was done to prevent building fixtures from being dislodged and causing harm to the public.

Key Statistics

Membership

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2024</u>	
	<u>ENG</u>	<u>CHI</u>	<u>ENG</u>	<u>CHI</u>
– Electoral Roll	463	96	483	98
– Confirmed in Anglican Church but not on Electoral Roll	226	32	237	32
– Baptised but not confirmed in Anglican Church	158	61	162	68
Total	847	189	882	198

Adult and Youth Baptisms	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>
English	1	11	10	19	14
- Chinese	7	6	6	5	10
- Children	4	3	18	10	11
- St Andrew's Nursing Home - Aljunied	NA	NA	NA	NA	6
Total	12	20	34	34	41

Average Weekend Attendance	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>
- English	NA	NA	NA	283	297
- Chinese	NA	NA	NA	64	65
- Children (Pre-school)	NA	NA	NA	33	38
Children (Primary)	NA	NA	NA	27	53
Total	NA	NA	NA	407	453

Number of Cell Groups	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Youths</u>
- English	21	4
- Chinese	4	-
Total	29	

Finances (Audited)

- Income (General Fund) - \$1,861,910
- Less: Expenditure (General Fund) - \$1,833,089
- Surplus - \$28,821
- Less: Sinking Fund Provision - \$66,000
- (Deficit) - \$(37,179)

Points for Prayer (2025)

1. Pray for our hearts to open to God and to others in the year of "Heartwarming Hospitality"
2. Pray for marriages to be renewed and family ties to be strengthened
3. Pray for God's wisdom, favour and strength for Chaplaincy work and Alpha outreaches
4. Pray for COA cell groups to grow in knowledge, faith and love for God and others

REPORTED BY:

REVD IAN CHEW

VICAR

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



MINISTRY REPORTS



REPORT OF THE 3RD AND 4TH MEETINGS OF THE 26TH SESSION OF SYNOD

HOUSE OF CLERGY
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CHEANG YEW KONG ANDREW

The 3rd meeting of the 26th Session was held on 17th and 18th of May 2024 and the 4th meeting was held on 8th and 9th of Nov 2024. Bishop Titus Chung presided at both sessions

President's Address:

As President of the Synod, Bishop Titus' theme of the 3rd Meeting was **"Living Out Love, Centered On God's Word"** He highlighted the following:

- He praised God for His blessing upon St Andrew's Cathedral Mandarin (SACM) for their 70th anniversary and significant growth in the Chinese Ministry.
- He was encouraged to observe that the parishes within the Area Groups are collaborating more and more, leveraging each other's strengths and resources.
- He was thankful to God that the work in Nepal started 25 years ago and it was made possible through the unwavering support of both Singapore and deanery parishes.
- In light of the uncertainties of socio-economic climate, he urged pastors and lay leaders of the flock, to lead members, who may feel lost and hopeless, to have a living relationship with God, leaning on Him for guidance and depending on His Word to light to their path.

- He emphasized that now more than ever, those who stood firm upon the truth of God's Word, must stand together, seeking His wisdom and guidance in the days ahead. We should not be distracted by all that is happening in the world. Scripture has forewarned us that "many will come in (Jesus)'s name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are but the beginning of the birth pains" (Matthew 24:5-8).

Bishop concluded his message by reminding the Synod members to ground ourselves in the Word of God, to know and discern all the distractions that may come our way and not be led astray. To do what the Lord requires of us as His disciples, to obey the New Commandment and fulfil the Great Commission. He urged us to continue to show love to the world, and prayed that we will do it out of the love for God. For if we love God with all our heart, our capacity to love others will grow.

At the 4th Meeting on 8th and 9th of Nov 2024, Bishop Titus' theme was "**Walking In Unity To Fulfil The Great Commission**". The following was mentioned in his address:

- He praised God for blessing St John's Chapel for their 140th anniversary as well as St Hilda's Church 90th anniversary. He thanked God for His grace, not only did God bless them through these past decades, but God continues to bless them till today, to fulfill His mission and purpose.
- He highlighted that the Special Care Centre of St Andrew's Mission School is now well-equipped to provide structured learning activities for students with autism.
- He was heartened to note that Parish of the Week initiative brought many unexpected blessings – stronger relationships on all levels, a deeper understanding of our 27 parishes and a greater unity and cohesion within the Diocese.
- He shared that the Diocesan Mission Consultation Roundtable at Bangkok was a fruitful time of networking and dialogues with many mission agencies and members of the Province of South East Asia Missions.
- He rejoiced that two local clergy deaneries of Nepal and Indonesia are ready to take over the leadership roles.

- He informed members that the Diocese will be accepting Timor-Leste as the 7th Deanery within the Diocese of Singapore.
- He continued to encourage more Parishes to allocate at least 50% of the parish's annual overseas and outreach giving to our deaneries. To date 36 of 41 parishes have been aligned to this rule.
- He was concerned of the challenge of raising labourers for the Kingdom's work. After much intense discussions, the Diocese have come up with a programme named Vocare. It is an initiative for members to discern and respond to serving God in a full-time capacity, living out their calling in a manner that is purposeful for God's Kingdom.

Bishop ended his message by reminding us not to forget why we do what we do. In everything that we do, it should not deviate from the Great Commission and obeying the New Commandment. Even as we build the Diocese together, whether in our own parishes, deaneries or community work, we should always be undergirded by these twin teachings of Our Lord. As one Body of Christ, we should all move forward in unity, upholding each other in this journey, trusting that all our collective efforts will bear fruits for the Kingdom of God and for His Glory only.

Missions and Evangelism:

Chairman of Mission Board, Dr Timothy Chong presented the following at the respective meetings:

1. Missions Consultation Roundtable was held on 22 to 24 Oct 2024 in Bangkok. It was intense, but has resulted in initiatives and development in the mission deaneries.
2. Various Deans shared their reports of the work and ministry of their respective deaneries.
3. Synod members approved the motion of accepting Timor Leste as the 7th Deanery of the Diocese of Singapore.

Development Board Projects:

The Chairperson of the Development Board presented various Development Projects for updates that was approved in 2023 at the Third meeting, namely:

1. Deanery of Indonesia – Bandung Property Purchase
2. Deanery of Thailand – Omkoi Timothy House Extension
3. Deanery of Indonesia – Bali Theological College Renovation project
4. Deanery of Laos – Luang Prabang Property Building Project
5. Chapel of the Resurrection – Addition and Alteration project
6. Deanery of Thailand – KAMB Centre
7. Deanery of Thailand – Lat Krabang Phase 1B Building Project

At the Fourth meeting, he updated the status of the two work plan studies that was initiated in 2022 and 2023 as follows:

- a. Strategic Review of Land and Properties in the Diocese of Singapore
- b. Study on Demand Aggregation (DA) of Services for the Parishes
- c. Completion of the re-construction of boundary wall along Jalan Toa Payoh
- d. Commencement of URA's Cross Island Cycling Path Project

Finance:

In May 2024 meeting, Finance Board Chairman updated that a subcommittee was set up by the Finance Board to study and make recommendations for a Diocesan Collective Investment Programme (DCIP). The objective of the DCIP is to provide an avenue for parishes to invest their surplus funds for higher returns than fixed deposits. This is a joint initiative with SAMH and SACS. The study was completed and presented at the 4th Synod meeting.

Other matters mentioned were:

- The Westside Anglican Church and St Andrew's Cathedral Mandarin have transferred all the funds raised for the Jurong Church Building Fund to the Diocese.
- There was a loan to Chapel of Christ the King for their chapel rebuilding project.
- Three years after the introduction of the 50% rule for overseas missions expenses, 5 out of 41 congregations were still not in compliance.
- Financial support for APS comprising a grant of \$1m and an interest free standby loan of up to \$1m was approved by the Standing Committee.

HR Matters – Key Points to Note:

- HRB will be recommending to Standing Committee, a One-Time Advance Inflationary Support Payout in Jan 2025 (“the Payout”) to all confirmed full-time and/or other eligible Diocesan employees (pro-rata for part-time employees) who are still in employment as at 31st Jan 2025.
- Appointment of Great Eastern Life as Insurer for Group Medical Insurance for 2024.
- Clergy Sabbatical Review
- An on-going Mercer Review to work on reviewing the Diocesan salary structure for clergy, deaconesses and the DCA administration.
- Flexi-Work Arrangement Request (FWAR)
- New Parental Leave Schemes
- Annual Wage Supplement and Bonus for 2024 – Diocese HR Board recommended that the Diocese followed the same quantum as that of the Civil Service.

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SYNOD REPRESENTATIVE

ALPHA MINISTRY

Overview of Ministry

To share the message and love of Christ to the adult-aged non-believers using Alpha ethos and program.

Leadership

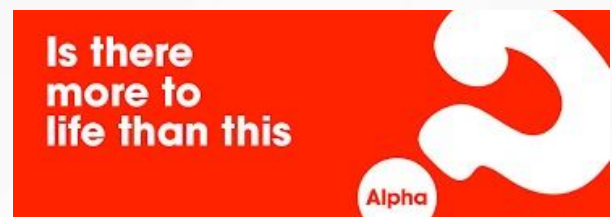
Ray Leung (Program Management)
Lim Chong Wei (Discussion Facilitator)
Phua Kia Wang (Discussion Facilitator)
Eleanor Phua (Discussion Helper)
Yvonne Teo (Discussion Helper)
Shirley Kwek (Childcare)
Jeanie Pee (Childcare and Food Coordinator)

Ministry Structure

Alpha is hosted once a year on a weekly basis for about 10-11 weeks. In 2024, we conducted 10 sessions including the Alpha Weekend.

Regular sessions were conducted on Sundays from 14th July through 15th September in Youth Room from 12:30 to 2:30 pm.

After Alpha, the guests were invited to join NBC (New Believer Class) for 8 weeks led by Paster Edward Zaccheus and Yuri See. Those who proceed to join COA were invited to a new or existing CG.



- 14/7** - *Is there More to Life Than This?*
- 21/7** - *Who is Jesus?*
- 28/7** - *Why did Jesus die?*
- 4/8** - *How can I have faith?*
- 11/8** - *Why & how do I pray?*
- 18/8** - *Why and how should I read the Bible?*
- 25/8** - *How does God guide us?*
- 31/8** - *Alpha Weekend: Who is the Holy Spirit? What does the Holy Spirit do? How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit? How can I make the most of the rest of my life?*
- 8/9** - *How does God guide us?*
- 15/9** - *Why and how should I tell others?*



ALPHA MINISTRY

Summary of Key Ministry Activities in 2024:

Team: This year, we have recruited new people to facilitate and help in discussion (Eleanor, Chongwei, Yvonne). Jesslyn Trixie Ogmund from Alpha 2023 also shared her testimony in the Alpha promotion video filmed by Ang Seow Pinn.

Attendance

Overall, 18 guests have attended Alpha at various times. Most of them were invited by 11 COA members. One walked in after seeing the banner at Jalan Toa Payoh.

Type	Average Weekly Attendance
1. New to COA	10
1a. Unbelievers	7
1b. Believers	3
2. Inviters	5
3. Team	7
Total	22

Guest's Decision	Count*
Attended NBC	7
Attended Baptism Class	0
Attended Confirmation Class	1
Attended Sunday Service	5
Attended CG	4
Attended Other Churches	0
No Immediate Decision	8

*The guest may make more than one decision.

Results

8 guests have experienced changes in life. They either accepted Jesus Christ during the program, became ready to accept Him, or have their Christian faith deepened. Some of them have started to join various classes, CGs, or ministries of COA.

Selected Feedback from Participants



"We have grown closer as a couple, and will begin to seek God when we are facing any challenges. We have also begun to listen to the bible together, and discussed them between ourselves."



"I think all the facilitators are really wonderful and it was truly insightful hearing everyone's thoughts. And I really appreciate how everyone spoke with humility and patience in a non-pushy way. Thank you all for helping me understand better."



"For the longest time, I've doubted if Christianity is for me since the Bible talks about being in a community....it was through Alpha last week that I truly understand why it's better to have wise and experienced family in Christ to seek counsel and advices from... I've really gained and understand Christianity and my walk with God better."

ALPHA MINISTRY

Special Highlights and Observations

CG Involvement

We are very thankful to have the support of various CGs on providing and serving lunches, and creating a welcoming environment.

Alternate Alpha Weekend Format

Since Alpha Weekend lasts about 6 hours, it was traditionally held on Saturday. We found the attendance for the Weekend usually was low. This year, we provided make-ups on extended Sundays for the people who missed the Saturday Alpha Weekend. We were able to introduce the topic of the Holy Spirit to them and prayed for the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Some were touched by Him in a very tangible way.

Thanksgiving

We praise God for drawing the guests to come to Alpha, giving them salvation and deepening their faith in Him.

We thank God that many parts of the church came together to invite their friends and family members and served them in love.

ALPHA MINISTRY

Plans for 2025

- Aligned Chinese and English Schedule: The dates and times for the English and Chinese Alphas will be the same for the convenience of some multi-generation families.
- Team Expansion: to recruit additional members to lead, plan, organize and execute the program. We will also need additional facilitators and helpers for discussion.
- Succession Plan: a new team lead is to be identified and trained to lead Alpha ideally starting from 2025.
- Process Improvement: to review annual planning, facilitation, Alpha Weekend schedule, financial monitoring, and church involvement.
- 2025 Timeline:
 - Team Recruitment: Jan – Apr
 - Program Plan: Apr – May
 - Promotion: Jun – Jul
 - Execution: Jul – Sep
 - Review: Oct

Request for Prayer:

- God will add more people to the Team, enable us to love one another, and let us experience his grace and wisdom.
- Prepare the hearts of those who come to Alpha in 2025 that they will be receptive of the message of Christ and accept Him as Lord and Saviour.
- Strong follow up for post-Alpha participants who have accepted Christ so they have strong foundations in their faith and assimilate to the church, and for coordinated support structure supported by other programmes or areas in the church.
- COA people will be on fire to introduce their friends and family members to Jesus.

REPORTED BY:

RAY LEUNG
MINISTRY HEAD
ALPHA MINISTRY

ASCENSION WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Overview of Ministry

Ladies Fellowship to know God by experience through Praise, Worship, and Discipleship

Leadership

Jenny Ho (Ministry Head)
Prisca Wong
Christina See
Margaret Onn
Christine Loo
Dolly Wong
Jenny Yeo

Ministry Structure

- Quarterly gatherings
- Annual 1-day retreat with thematic talks during each session



THEME FOR 2024

“

Lord, Make My
Heart Your Home

”

Obedience that is expressed out of the love for Him will make our hearts a suitable home for God now, and one that will be ready when Christ returns



ASCENSION WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Summary of Key Ministry Activities in 2024:

Fellowship Session #1 was held on 16 March 2024. Themed "Growing in Faithfulness", the guest speaker was Revd Susan Quek who spoke on the vital relationship between God and us, based on the passage of John 15:4. Total participants: 22

Ladies Retreat was held on 21 September 2024. Themed "Restoring Her Dignity", guest speaker Irene Thung spoke about discovering the causes of our brokenness like rejection, fear, guilt, anger, rebellion, bitterness, shame...and find freedom in the power of the Holy Spirit. Total participants: 55 (includes 15 from other churches who joined)

AWM Annual Thanksgiving, held on 23 November 2024. Themed "Why is Thanksgiving important to God and Us", guest speaker Esther Soo spoke on the application of 1 Thessalonians 5:18:

- Resolution of a crisis of belief requires faith and action
- Making major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing.
- Our God is personal and real, and He is always at work around us. He will pursue a loving relationship with us, and He invites you to be involved with Him in His work.

Total participants: 52 (includes 12 from other churches who joined)



Special Highlights and Observations:

The worship teams who supported the events were great and much appreciated, as they led the AWM into a spiritually vibrant praise & worship session!

Thanksgiving:

All the events ran smoothly, and to God be the Glory!

ASCENSION WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Plans for 2025:

Theme for 2025: “God’s Grace in Every Step”. Theme revolves around finding strength and poise in every situation, even when your world is shaken up due to a collapse of culture and/or uncertainty of society.

Request for Prayer:

- The AWM committee will be remain prayerful and stay united in carrying out their tasks.
- Each committee member to be granted the spirit of wisdom and understanding of God's direction and the needs of the women in COA.
- Ascension women will continue to praise God and experience His transformative work in their lives, plus God to instil in them a desire to reach out and pray for one another
- Provision and engagement of anointed speakers for the four quarterly meet-up sessions

REPORTED BY:

**JENNY HO
MINISTRY HEAD
ASCENSION WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

BOARD OF EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS (BEAM) – OVERSEAS

Overview of Ministry

BEAM is to oversee and manage the overseas evangelism and mission's efforts of the Church of The Ascension. BEAM is constituted to challenge, motivate, educate, train and mobilise the congregation as God's witnesses in evangelism and missions beyond Singapore.

Leadership

Revd Ian Chew (Advisor)

Lawrence Lee (Chairman)

Allan Fong (Country Coordinator
UPG / Secretary)

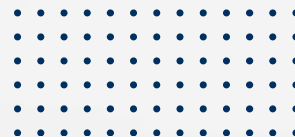
Vincent Lim (Country Coordinator
Thailand/ PCC Rep)

Angelina Lim (Deputy Country
Coordinator Thailand / Pastoral
Team Rep)

Tan Yeow Koon (BEAM Treasurer /
Chinese Ministry Liaison)

Ministry Structure

BEAM is currently focused on Thailand (Chiang Mai) and the Unreached People Group (UPG) in Indonesia.



BEAM (OVERSEAS)

Summary of Key Ministry Activities in 2024:

THAILAND

Ground-Breaking Service for Lat Krabang Anglican Church:

COA was represented by Vincent Lim at the Ground-breaking Service at Lat Krabang on 3rd August 2024. The Service was presided by our Diocesan Bishop, the Most Revd Dr Titus Chung and the groundbreaking ceremony was well attended by many Church leaders, members and their families, and involved the full spectrum of its members, from young children to the elderly. It was a milestone moment for the Deanery of Thailand.

10th Anniversary of St Andrew's Church Chiang Mai and Siriaunda School

Vincent Lim and Angelina Lim attended the 10th Anniversary celebrations of St Andrew's Church Chiang Mai and Siriaunda School on 14th September 2024 (Saturday). The celebration was held on Saturday and a special Anniversary Service on Sunday, 15th September 2024.

Thailand Mission Trip (14 - 19 August 2024)

We are thankful to God for the Chinese congregation's first mission trip to Chiang Mai. The team was led by Ps Alex Wong and he continues to work closely with one of the teachers of Siriaunda School to develop opportunities to reach the local Chinese community there. This is the first involvement of the Chinese Ministry (led by Ps Alex Wong) in the Chiang Mai ministry. There were three objectives for the trip:

- Reaching out to the Chinese community
- Equipping the local leadership
- Planning for year-end youth mission trip

Ps Alex Wong is working with Teacher Aun of Siriaunda School to develop opportunities to reach out to the Chinese community there.

Leadership Workshop conducted in Chiang Mai

Concurrent to the Chinese congregation's programme, a Leadership Workshop was conducted by Lawrence Lee and it was well attended by young leaders who travelled from various parts of Thailand including Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, Phitsanulok, Bangkok, Chonburi and Mae Sot.

BEAM (OVERSEAS)

Chiang Mai Mission Trip (4 - 10 December 2024)

Angelina Lim led a team from Kardias for our first youth mission trip from 4 to 10 December 2024. The 2 camps organized (one for the young adults; age 18-22 and one for the teens / next gen; age 12-17) were fun-filled and well-attended. It also provided opportunities for CoA youths / young adults to bond and establish friendships with the youth of St Andrew's Church.



Embedded in the program was a music workshop which promoted the use of available musical instruments and vocals to worship the Lord and minister to the participants.

While communication was sometimes (with the younger teens) a challenge, there were sufficient “human translators” and devices available to allow for good conversations. Most of the Thai young adults could converse reasonably well in English.

The young adults enjoyed a stay-out camp and it was a treat for many of them as the place selected was very good and activities organized were meaningful. The non-residential camp for the younger teens was also well received and very much appreciated.



The Puppetry Workshop for teachers of Siriaunda School was well received and they appreciated the gift of new and more versatile puppets. As children respond very well to the use of puppets in storytelling, equipping the teachers would provide them with another effective tool to reach young lives with the Gospel.

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Ps Robert Rice, invited by Revd Ian Chew, shared on the Sermon “Living Out The Truth of the Gospel for Effectiveness in the Ministry” (2 Corinthians 4) on Sunday, 28th July 2024. Ps Robert Rice and his wife Emily were the first field support to Church of the Ascension when embarking on the effort to adopt an Unreached People Group, 26 years ago.

Revd Kingsley Ponniah and Jeyanthi were in Singapore on Friday, 11th October 2024. Revd Kingsley Ponniah spoke at our UPG Covenant Sunday held on 13th October 2024. This day marks CoA's 25th Year of Adoption of the Banjars of Indonesia.

Kalimantan Trip (August 2024)

The first post-pandemic Kalimantan Trip (for members) in August had a total of 9 members. We would like to record thanksgiving for “more elderly” members who participated; encouragement for the older members to join-in on the prayer focus trips. A worship-on-site and worship-on-the-way was also incorporated into this trip.

The team was updated on the B Radio Ministry helmed by Jethro and Reni, and a time of worship and prayer was held at their home. The team also visited and prayed for Dr Agus and all his family members. The ladies also prayed for Dr Agus' wife, Yuly.

Dr Agus requested prayer for a new request he received from an M Boarding School just outside Banjarmasin. The Boarding School Principal invited Dr Agus to set up a “subsidized clinic” at the Boarding School as his students were not getting well visiting the nearby public hospital when they were sick. Students were to get free medical consultation and the medicine given out at a reduced price. Shortly after the team returned from Banjarmasin, Dr Agus was happy to report the formal start of his “subsidised clinic” and he and his wife, Yuly started this new service at the Boarding School.

Apart from a prayer drive to the area where Dr Agus had been invited to set up a free clinic, the team also took land transport to the river area where the morning floating market is. Apart from having a nice time buying food and souvenirs from the floating market vendors, the team also prayed for the vendors and for the Banjarese who live up and down the river.

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Team also met up with Ibu Yeni (who runs a bakery), Ibu Elly (who oversees one the oldest Chinese church in Banjarmasin), some members of the PNI team as well as the four new families who are blessing the Bs in different ways.

Malang Trip (29 November – 1 December 2024)

The Malang trip helmed by Aaron Cheang was held from 29th Nov to 1st Dec 2024. Aaron was invited via Jaime H to conduct a Process Drama Class for some of the international students at Wesley School (Malang).



Background of trip: In late 2023 when Aaron met Jaime, a topic of common interest arose out of Jaime's knowledge of the struggles of some of the Field Workers' Kids who study at Wesley School (where he teaches) and stay alone, apart from their parents who serve in various mission fields, and Aaron's drama lessons with our local schools which at times focuses on mental / emotional needs and expressions. An invitation was extended to Aaron to conduct a Process Drama Class for students interested.

On the day of the Process Drama Class on Sat, 30th Nov (one day lesson in 2 parts; morning and afternoon), the school had several events going on as it was the end of the school term. The class attendance started with 2-3 students with the remaining interested students trickling in over the morning session.

At the end of the lessons, ten students of various nationalities attended the Process Drama Class which had several dramatized messages including that they are individually important to God. They and the resident drama teacher thanked Aaron for his effort and time to come share this experience with the students.

Prior to Aaron Cheang's class on Sat, he attended a student-led worship session on Friday night, just a few hours after we arrived in Malang. Aaron shared that he was spiritually refreshed and encouraged by the event as he witnessed different students coming forward to lead and facilitate each as aspect of the worship (and prayer) session.

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Special Highlights and Observations:

In consideration of the massive flooding and livelihood disruptions in Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, Bangkok and many other towns in Thailand and also in Nepal with devastating floods, landslides and deadly toll on human lives, BEAM proposed to look into providing humanitarian assistance to the affected areas.

After BEAM Chairman discussed and consulted with Revd Ian, the decision was made for BEAM to independently request from PCC an extraordinary amount of S\$9,000 for this crisis relief, instead of tapping from the approved BEAM Budget 2024.

The sharing of the gift would be; \$3k to Thailand, \$3k to Nepal and the remaining \$3k to the Diocese to decide where best to allocate this crisis relief as Laos and Vietnam were also affected by the inclement weather.

BEAM is thankful that the floods have shown signs of subsiding, and we continue to pray for comfort and peace for all affected and for the recovery efforts.

Plans for 2025:

THAILAND

- For 2025; a total of 3-4 trips to Thailand will be planned:
 - A Chinese Ministry Trip to be led by Ps Alex Wong, with a plan to introduce "Mandarin Alpha" classes with the support of St Andrews Church Chiang Mai (SACM).
 - Youth Trip to be led by Angelina Lim
 - Leadership Training / Equipping Trip
 - Worship Ministry Training Trip
- Revd Napadom has been invited by Revd Ian to speak on the 2nd Sunday in October 2025 which will focus on the Chiang Mai ministry.

UPG

The B Radio broadcasts had been progressing well in its re-start early last year. The monthly support will be increased from S\$500 to S\$600/month, starting Jan 2025, to help cope with the costs of rental of radio slots and transmission. And the expenses incurred to invite and record B voices for certain parts of the radio program contents.

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The Kalimantan trip 2025 is planned from 4-8 June 2025; these dates cover the Hari Raya Haji dates. Participants may likely be able to witness the on-going sacrifices of live animals during this event.

When Revd Kingsley was here in October 2024, to mark and celebrate COA's 25th Year of Adoption of the Bs, he expressed interest to have a team from Auckland join us in prayer walking the land in June 2025.

In early Oct this Jaime wrote to ask if COA knows of counsellors who are experienced with Christian teens. He shared about the student counselling (mental health) needs in Wesley School and that they had run out of capacity to cope with the increasing counselling needs. Pastor Victor Wu was contacted and he had subsequently linked up with Jaime to connect him to some teen counselling resources (free and on-line) from the Methodist Church.

MEDAN

At the Diocese Round Table Discussion (on Missions) held at Lat Krabang, Bangkok, Thailand in late October 2024, BEAM Chairman and Revd Ian Chew met up with Revd Josepha Tarigan from Medan. Revd Josepha asked if COA can resume it's Medan support ministry in 2025. Revd Ian was agreeable on this. A trip to Medan has been planned for August 2025 to meet up with Revd Josepha and the Anglican Churches in Medan.

Poon Chee Yin had been approached and he readily agreed to be part of BEAM. Chee Yin's new portfolio is Country Co-ordinator Medan.

The Dean of Indonesia (Revd Dr Timothy Chong) will be informed of this "re-involvement" of COA in Medan so that he is kept abreast of things and in case he has any inputs for CoA as we embark on this.

Request for Prayer:

- Pray for the 2025 plans by BEAM (Overseas) as highlighted above

REPORTED BY:

LAWRENCE LEE
CHAIRMAN
BEAM (OVERSEAS)

CELL GROUP MINISTRY

Overview of Ministry

The Cell Group Ministry is to facilitate the church members' growth in faith and connection with one another.

Leadership

Revd Ian Chew

Ray Leung (Ministry Head)

Angelina Lim (CG Facilitator)

Loh Kok Chi (CG Facilitator)

Victor Ong (CG Facilitator)

Phua Kia Wang (CG Facilitator)

Ps Edward Zaccheus (CG Facilitator)

CG Facilitators

Six CG Leaders support other CGs within their respective Clusters. The responsibilities of the CG Facilitators are to:

- plan, share and provide feedback on the vision and execution of future initiatives for the cell groups.
- help in implementing the initiatives of the Cell Group Ministry.
- pray together for the cell group leaders and members.

Besides visiting CGs and meeting up with CG Leaders, the CG Facilitators meet up with the Vicar on a quarterly basis. The team share updates of the CGs, discuss ways to enrich church life through CG, and pray for the CGs.

Cell Group Formats

Most Cell Groups meet twice a month physically, while others meet virtually. The typical format is:

- Welcome: personal thanksgiving
- Worship: songs
- Word: bible study
- Works: prayer for each other and planning and participating in upcoming events of the church

A typical bible study consists of three elements:

- Introductory question for discussion (related to the focus of the bible study)
- Discussion question(s) based on the passage
- Possible application(s) in daily life

Some CG Leaders use teaching to equip the members. It is up to the discretion of the CG Leaders to determine the meeting frequency, content and format.

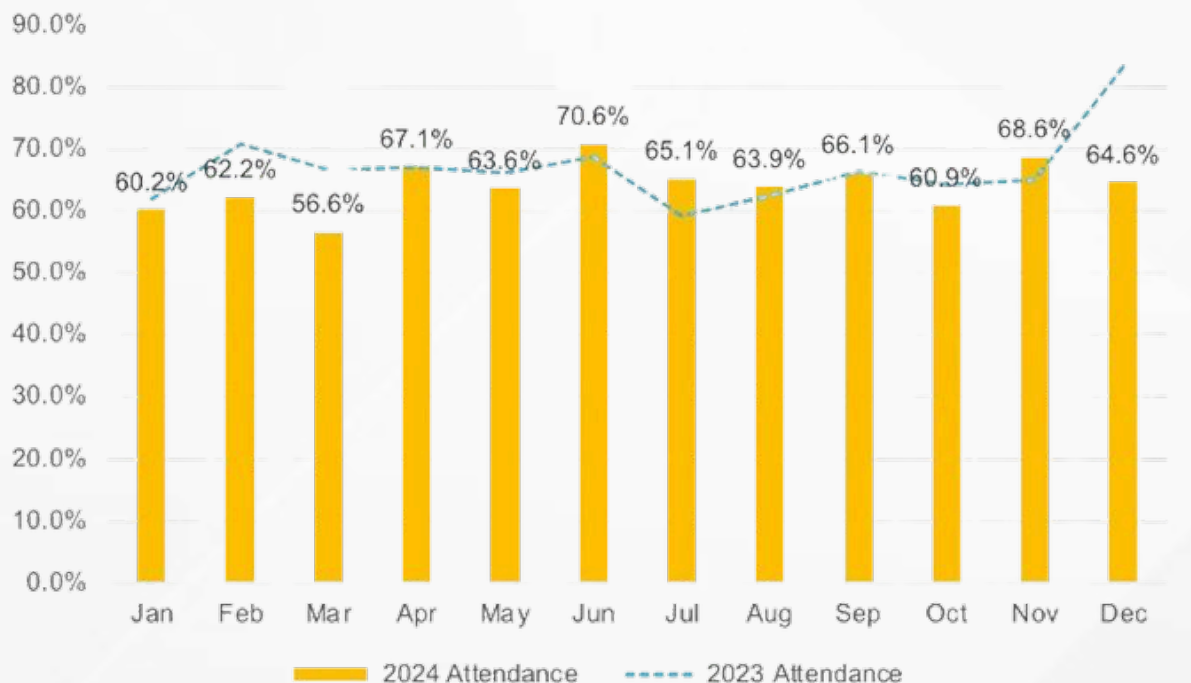


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COA CELL GROUPS					
RAY LEUNG	KOK CHI	VICTOR ONG	KIA WANG	PS EDWARD	ANGEL
JC WALKERS & BETA Ray & Jeanie Leung	ABIDE David Tey Cassandra Chan	BOBS Victor Ong Marcus Sia	BARTLEY Phua Kia Wang & Mui Kiam; Eugene & Jenny Quek	ACTS 2:42 Geoffrey Stephens Lynn Eer	BIBLECENTRAL Jovan Sim, Emma Chew & Aaron Cheang
LIGHTHOUSE Chris Chua Marc Soh	MATHETES Ling Moi Lin	RIVENDELL Goh Zheng Qin Pamela Yeo	BEATITUDES Jenny Yeo Jenny Ho	BEACON Leong Huat & Joanne Goh	J-WALKERS Anna Cheang, Tang Sze Kay & Jerald Seet
DOULOS FOR CHRIST Ps Edward Zaccheus	WESTJOY Loh Kok Chi & Ee Meen Ong Choon Tee	LINKAGES Walter Sng Tan Ai Ling	HEART OF THE LORD Paul & Julian Chua	COUNTRYSIDE Goh Chee Kong Roy Loh	W.O.W Amelia Ee, Nigel Lim, Christian Tay & Isaac Yam
CORNERSTONE Desmond & Kim Teo	7TH HAVEN Patrick & Raphaela Yau	SAM YOUTH Jerrold Quek	RIVER OF LIFE Swee Pieu & Skye Teo	WATTEN CELL Jonah & Hope Su	I.O.N.S Chloe Chew, Dorcas Lim Shaun Foo

Summary of Key Ministry Activities in 2024:

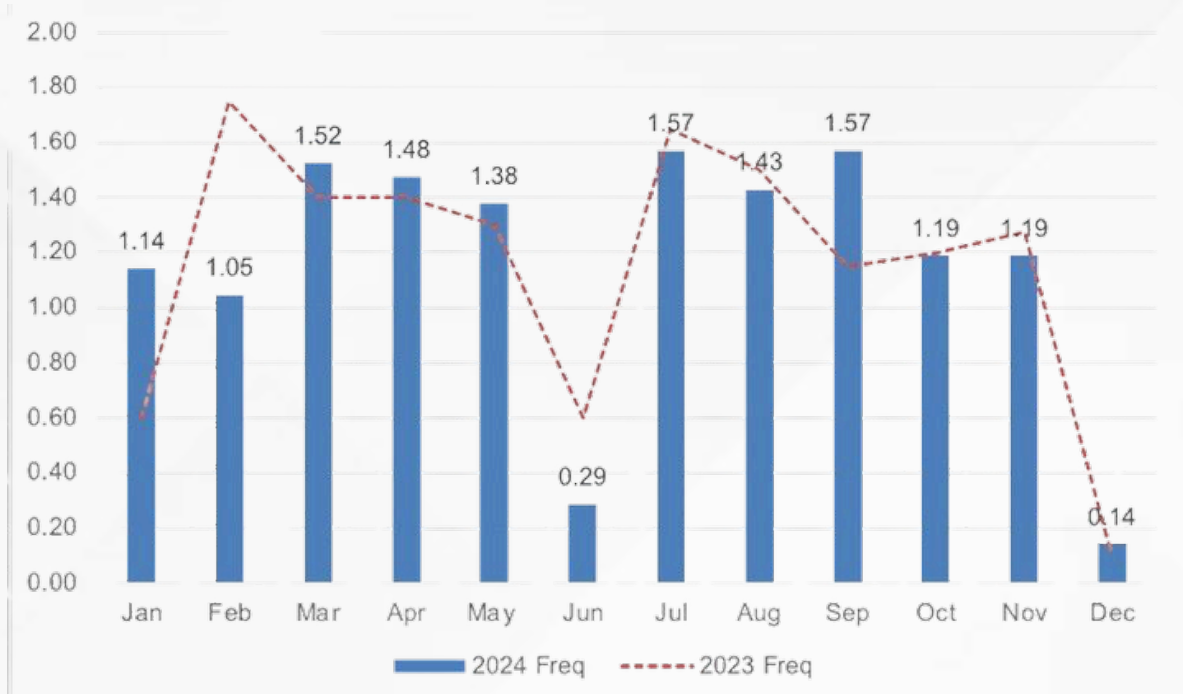
Cell Group Average Attendance



2024 Member Attendance is 64.1%, meaning on average, almost two thirds of the listed members attended CG in 2024. Member attendance is consistent with the trend in 2023.

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Meeting Frequency



The YTD Meeting Frequency, excluding the recess months (June and December), is 1.35. This means on average each CG meet 1.35 times a month. This reflects the situation that about half of the CGs meet 2 times a month while others meet once a month.

Special Highlights and Observations:

Pastor encouraged more inter-cell connection in 2024 and explored the benefits of inter-generational fellowship, sharing and mentoring within CGs and clusters.

Support to Church Activities:

- BB Enrolment Service (3rd March): CGs were recruited to host and connect with more than 150 visiting parents at the reception after service.
- Church camp: pro-actively encouraged members to sign up for the church camp.
- Lenten Devotion. 35 CG leaders and members shared devotionals during the Lent season.
- Alpha: 10 CGs supported Alpha by providing meals.

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CG Leaders Meeting (18 May 2024)

- 12 CG leaders joined.
- Testimonies were shared and Revd Ian encouraged the CG leaders to:
 - Provide pastoral care to the members
 - Help members to grow in God's Word
 - Encourage members to reach out to nonbelievers.

Combined Leaders Meeting (15 November 2024)

- A platform to engage all of the leaders of COA cells and ministries together as one church for God's vision moving forward to 2025.
- 28 CG leaders and assistant leaders attended.
- Selected leaders from cell and ministries gave thanks for God's leading and blessings.
- Broke out into smaller groups to discuss about ways to grow in hospitality in 2025.
- Ended with prayer for one another.

Carols By Candlelight (21 December 2024)

- 515 people attended the event
- The Christmas Market was moved to the roundabout in front of the church to engage more people from the Potong Pasir and Bidadari communities.
- 7 CGs set up stalls at the Christmas Market.

Thanksgiving:

We thank God for the growing membership, enabling the CGs to meet faithfully, the CGs' involved various outreach, mission and serving opportunities, and the CG Leaders who are growing.

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Plans for 2025

COA CELL GROUPS 2025					
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JOURNEY Lim Chong Wei & Yvonne Teo					

- CG Bible Series:
 - Hospitality: January and February
 - Hebrews: July to September
- Under the theme of Heartwarming Hospitality, CGs are encouraged to study and practice hospitality to the people old and new.
- Quarterly training for new CG leaders.
- Cell observance of Lent: daily devotional sharings, communal commitment to fasting, and CG retreat (organised within individual CG)
- Promote and support English and Chinese Alpha (Jul-Sep)
- Leaders Gatherings within each Cluster (at least once in 2025)

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Request for Prayer:

- God will use CGs as a key instrument to fulfill The Great Commandment and The Great Commission.
- More members will join CGs and more CGs will be formed.
- CG members will be bold and faithful in practicing hospitality.
- CG members will serve in CG and inspired to serve as leaders.
- God will continue to inspire and strengthen current leaders to lead the CGs.
- CG Facilitators will be effective in providing support to CGs.
- CGs will have more interactions with other CGs and have more inter-generational experience within a CG.
- Members will step up to be trained to lead CGs.

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to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, and encouraging one another.

Hebrews 10:24-25

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REPORTED BY:

RAY LEUNG
MINISTRY HEAD
CELL GROUP MINISTRY

CHINESE MINISTRY

Overview of Ministry

Spiritual Growth and Discipleship
in Chinese Ministry
华语事工中的灵命成长与门徒训练

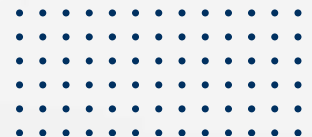
Leadership

Revd Huang Hui Jen 黄惠仁牧师
Ps Alex Wong 王永兴传道
Caroline Chan 曾洁霏姐妹
Kimberly Liaw 廖带琴师母
Tang Chi Loong 曾子龙弟兄
How Seok Li 侯淑莉姐妹
Aaron Ong 王伟勤弟兄
Wayne Lim 林思民弟兄



Structure of Ministry

- 中文主日崇拜：每周日上午10:30至中午12:30
- 两个小组团契聚会：每两周周五晚上8:00至9:30
- 一个小组团契聚会：每两周周日中午12:30至下午2:00
- 一个小组团契聚会：每月第三个周日中午12:30至下午2:00
- 实地祷告会：每月第一个周五晚上8:00至9:15
- 中文儿童主日学：每月第1至第4个周日上午10:30至中午12:30
- 每月SAV社区活动“欢乐星期六”在波东巴西民众俱乐部举行，每月第二个周，上午10:30至中午12:00
- 每月灵修会（LSP中文教师）：每个月的第三个星期二，下午1点至1点30分



CHINESE MINISTRY

Summary of Key Ministry Activities in 2024 事工活动概要

Sunday worship service average weekly attendance for 2024 is 65.1 persons.

Sermon sharing series:

- Jan – Feb; our church's theme "Growing in Fruitfulness."
- Jul – Sep; Bible series on 2nd Corinthians Chapter 1 – 13

Monthly On-Site Prayer Meeting

Our prayer meetings are held on the first Friday of each month, with an average attendance of 10 participants. The theme for 2024 is: Responding to God's Call to Be Fruitful.

Cell Group Meetings

In February 2024, we launched a new cell group primarily for the brothers in our church. The group meets monthly on the 3rd Sunday after the worship service. All cell groups use Bible study materials based on the content of the weekly Sunday sermons.

SAV Community Project

In the second Saturday of every month, three churches from Saint Andrew's Village (Chapel of the Resurrection, Church of the Ascension and Chapel of the Holy Spirit) jointly organise the "Happy Saturday" event at Potong Pasir Community Club. Each month features a different theme, including health and medical talks, legal seminars, day trips, handicraft workshops, and festive celebrations. Over 100 local residents participate in our activities each month.

2024 年主日崇拜的平均每周出席人数为65.1人。讲道系列：

- 1月至2月：教会主题《丰硕的信仰成长》
- 7月至9月：圣经系列《哥林多后书》第1至13章

每月实地祷告会

我们的祷告会在每月的第一个星期五举行，平均出席人数为10人。2024年的主题是：回应神的呼召，结出丰硕的果子。

小组聚会

在2024年2月，我们为教会的弟兄们启动了一个新的小组。该小组每月在第三个主日的崇拜后举行聚会。所有小组的查经资料都基于每周主日讲道的内容。

圣安德烈村社区活动

每个月的第二个星期六。圣安德烈村的3间教会（复活堂，荣升堂和圣灵堂）都会在波东巴西民众俱乐部举办“欢乐星期六”活动。每个月的活动都有不同的主题；其中包括健康与医疗讲座，法律讲座，一日郊游，手工艺制作和节日欢庆会等等。每月都有100多位当地的居民出席参与我们的活动。

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Special Highlights and Observations 特别亮点和观察:

Celebrating Parents' Day on 16 June 2024

We invited the renowned counselor, Pastor Belinda Yuan Fengzhu, to share a sermon with us. The theme she shared was: Living in God's Will. One of God's wills is for us to honour our parents so that we may be blessed and live long on the earth. After the sermon, the Chinese Ministry's children's church presented a play titled 'The Selfless Giving Tree.' Before the worship concluded, we prepared a sumptuous buffet to treat over 90 attendees that day, including our church members and their invited friends and family.

Mid-Autumn Festival and outreach on 14 September 2024

Mid-Autumn Festival celebration had 60 attendees, including 14 invited new friends. On that day, our brother Thong Wee performed a harmonica solo of 'The Moonlight in the City,' and sister Wang Ping played the pipa with 'The Moon on the 15th,' filling the entire venue with the atmosphere of Mid-Autumn reunion. In addition to a buffet dinner, we also enjoyed playing games and solving lantern riddles.

Chinese Alpha Course

This year we started our first Chinese Alpha Course from 22 Sep to 24 Nov. Our weekly average attendance is 35 people including newcomers.

Baptism

We had 10 adults and 1 child from Chinese Ministry baptised in the year of 2024.

庆祝父亲节于 6月16日

我们邀请了著名的辅导员袁凤珠传道为我们分享证道，她分享的主题是：《活在神的旨意中》。神的旨意之一就是让我们尊敬父母，这样我们就可以得福，在地上长寿。

讲道结束后，中文事工的儿童教会呈现了一出名为《无私奉献的树》的话剧。敬拜结束前，我们为当天超过90位出席者准备了一顿丰盛的自助餐，其中出席的有教会成员及他们邀请的朋友和家人。

中秋欢庆日于9月14日

感谢主今年的中秋欢庆会我们有60位出席参与，其中有14位是被邀请的新朋友。当天我们的会友栋炜弟兄表演口琴独奏“城里的月光”和王萍姐妹的琵琶演奏“十五的月亮”，使到整个会场充满中秋团圆的氛围。除了丰盛的晚餐之外；我们也开心的玩游戏和猜灯谜。

中文启发课程

今年我们从9月22日到11月24日开始了第一期华文启发课程。我们的每周平均出席人数为35人，包括新朋友。

洗礼

在2024年，我们华文部有10位成人和1位孩童受洗

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Thanksgiving 感恩

The Chinese Ministry's Sunday worship service is growing, with attendance not only remaining steady but also showing an upward trend. Members are actively serving and have begun training young people to join the ministry team.

Through the evangelistic gatherings for Parents' Day and the Mid-Autumn Festival, we see members actively bringing their family and friends to attend, using these opportunities to share the gospel with them.

The turnout of the Alpha Course was very good and encouraging. We had one salvation during the 2nd week of the course. Through this Alpha Course, we not only can share the gospel with our families but also see the relationships among our members grow closer. The video teachings have also given us a deeper understanding of the Christian faith.

华文部的主日崇拜正在成长中，不但出席率保持平稳还有上升的趋势。会友们也积极的参与服侍，并且开始培训年轻人加入服侍团队。

透过双亲节和中秋节的布道聚会，我们看到会友们都积极的带领亲友出席借此来向他们传福音。

启发课程的出席率非常好且令人鼓舞。在课程的第二周，我们有一位决志信主。通过这次的启发课程，我们不但有机会可以向家人传福音。同时我们也看见我们会友之间的关系也拉近了。透过视频的讲解也让我们对基督教的信仰有更深一层的认识。



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Plans for 2025, 2025 年的计划

Outreach programs: Parents' Day celebration and Mid-Autumn Festival, continue to reach out to our families and friends who are non-believers.

Alpha Course commences in July. Through the lessons, we can share the gospel while also training disciples. It will equip members to learn how to host Alpha and organize events, ensuring that the Alpha Course can be held annually.

An outing is planned, featuring a 2-day, 1-night trip to strengthen the relationships and teamwork among members. This will help foster greater harmony in the church's ministry

外展活动：双亲节庆祝活动和中秋节活动，继续接触我们的未信主的家人和朋友。

启发课程将在7月开始；借着这一系列的课程我们不但可以传福音同时也在培训门徒。让会友学习如何主办启发和组织活动让这启发课程可以每年的举办下去。

外游活动，计划将主办2天一夜游来促进会友们之间的关系和默契。如此教会的服侍才会更加融洽。

Request for Prayer 代祷

To pray that our relationships among members will become more harmonious and united, enabling our ministry to reach new heights. We also hope to see our family members come to know Jesus this year and accept Him as their personal Savior.

祷告会友之间的关系更融洽和有默契，如此我们的服侍才会更上一层楼。我们也要看到我们的家人也能够今年认识耶稣并接受祂为他们个人的救主。

REPORTED BY:

**PS ALEX WONG
PASTORAL STAFF
CHINESE MINISTRY**

CHAPLAINCY (SAJS & SAHSCC)

Overview of Ministry

Vision: The Gospel of Jesus Christ bringing life and bearing fruit in every life

Mission: To make Christ known by being church in the SAJS family and beyond, sowing seeds of the Gospel through proclamation, presence, and prayer

Leadership

Revd Ian Chew, SAJS School Chaplain & SA House Chaplain

Ps Barnabas Sim, SAJS Assistant School Chaplain & Boys' Brigade (7J Singapore Company) Chaplain & SA House Assistant Chaplain

Shaun Foo, SAJS School Chaplaincy Worker & Boys' Brigade (7J Singapore Company) Captain & SA House Chaplaincy Worker

Sam Goh, SAJS & SA House Chaplaincy Worker





MINISTRY STRUCTURE

- SAJS Morning Assembly Devotions from 7.23am – 7.30am on Wednesdays (School Chaplain) and Fridays (chaplaincy team)
- Recess ministries from 9.30am – 11am from Tuesdays to Thursdays at the school field (Sam) and in Saints Haven (CCA Room 3) (Barnabas, Shaun). Regular volunteers for Saints Haven were Lily Loy and Willy Wong.
- Friday lunch recess activities from 11.30am – 1pm at Saints Haven (Christian Fellowship (pilot)) (Shaun) and Makerspace (Barnabas, Sam).
- Afterschool school programmes (HOPE Courageous for P4-5s; Up & On for P6s) from 1.30pm – 4pm on Wednesdays. Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) lessons are based on Michael Bernard's Programme Achieve 3rd Edition. Regular volunteers are Lily Loy and Andrew Ng Mun Keong.
- SAJS Praying Parents prayer meetings from 7.30am – 8am on Thursdays in COA Multi-purpose Hall (MPH). Mrs Lydia Loke was the parent-coordinator.
- SA House staff devotions from 11.30am – 12pm on Thursdays in SA House Conference Room.
- Boys' Brigade (BB) parades from 7.30am – 9am on Fridays in COA (MPH, LKC Hall, Ascension Hall, and Sunday school rooms). Regular volunteers were Lim Chong Wei and Patrick Koh (non-COA member).
- Sports Club coaching from 7.30am – 9am on Fridays in the SAJS field. Sam anchors this.
- Values in Action (VIA) assemblies (formerly known as school chapels) on Fridays, as rostered by SAJS Student Management, in the SAJS School Hall.

CHAPLAINCY (SAJS & SAHSCC)

Summary of Key Ministry Activities in 2024:

SAJS morning assembly devotions. Since Jan, morning assemblies start at 7.23 AM. We are given 2–3-minutes. An additional Fri slot was also given, due to 2 vice-principals away on leave.

Friday lunch recess activities. A Christian prayer group comprising of mostly P5 BB Boys have been meeting during the Fri lunch recess since Jul. We were also invited to run Makerspace activities with parent-volunteers in the same timeslot.

Afterschool school programmes (ASP). Consisting of Hope Courageous (P4-5s) and Up & On (P6s). Format was largely unchanged from 2023. Around 25 boys were identified (18 were P4-5s). Some were former HOPE boys. However, High Needs Students replaced the Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) as the selection rubrics.

SAJS Praying Parents (PP) prayer meetings. PP meetings became onsite since Feb. Hybrid and recording options were discontinued as they were unused. Online meetings were still convened during the PSLE written examinations.

7J BB parades. The theme was “The Disciplined Disciple” (Hb 12:11). 12 new Boys joined; we had 67 Boys. Annual Camp had 49 campers leading to Enrolment & Dedication Service attended by 86 parents. Boys also received their badges and canvassed for donations. 25 seniors, staff and volunteers from Methodist Welfare Society Charis ACE Active Aging Centre were the beneficiaries for BB C.A.R.E.S. For awards, we received the JMF High Distinction (YOA 2023), Adventure Quest Gold Honour Roll, and Character Quest Gold Honour Roll. 13 P6 Boys received their Gold Awards and our Lead Boy, JNR Jonathan Wong received the Tan Boon Chiang Medal (Best Boy Award).

Sports Club coaching. Due to a lack of teachers and parent-volunteers, Sam was approached to help coach weaker football boys.

VIA assemblies. The theme for 2024 was “The Ten Commandments”.

CHAPLAINCY (SAJS & SAHSCC)

Special Highlights and Observations:

Holy Week programmes. We were given a VIA assembly slot for 22 Mar. Activities were also organised in the library and during recesses from 26 Mar – 2 Apr.

Fri badminton with SAJS teachers. Sam was invited to play badminton with SAJS teachers on alternate Fri afternoons from May. This gave us more opportunities to be closer to the teachers.

P1 & P4 Applied Learning Programme (SAV Heritage Trail). COA was one of the stops for the P4s on 10 May. They learnt about the histories of COA and St Andrew's School. Many took the free devotionals and bibles we displayed. One of the P4 classes hosted the P1s on 2 Aug in COA and shared what they have learnt.

Cycling 'Chers Outing. Around 13 SAJS staff joined our cycling outing on 8 Aug. We also treated them to lunch at Gardens by the Bay.

P1 Orientation. A video montage was screened, a booth set up, and door gifts (rugby keychain, prayer magnets, bibles, and devotionals) given. Parents were also invited to join upcoming activities and PP.

SA House Staff and SAJS Staff Appreciation. We appreciated the SA House staff with prata brunch on 27 Aug. We also gave each staff a customised cushion and handwritten card. We also partnered SAPTA to host around 130 SAJS staff for lunch on 28 Aug in LKC Hall. We also gave each staff a customised cushion and handwritten card



CHAPLAINCY (SAJS & SAHSCC)

PSLE Care Packs and Post-PSLE programme. We prayed for each class (6 classes) and distributed care packs with stationery and snacks to P6s before their PSLEs. Each boy also received a handwritten card from the chaplaincy team and the PPs. We helped SAJS to run "The SAJS Story" and we engaged Lawrence Lee and Ps Nelson Lee to talk to the P6s. We also sponsored a photo booth for their P6 graduation party.

Advent/ Christmas celebrations. We told the Christmas story through songs during the 6-8 Nov recesses. PPs and BB Boys presented a "Three Trees" skit during the 8 Nov VIA assemblies.

SAJS Ops/Admin Staff breakfast. We treated the non-teaching staff to breakfast and blessed them with NTUC vouchers after school ended for the year.

Badminton clinics. We ran 2 badminton clinics during the Jun (12-14) and Dec (4-6) holidays. They were well-received and had overwhelming responses.

Thanksgiving:

- **New opportunities to reach out to more boys during Lent and Advent** - Thank God for favour for us to proclaim Jesus through craft, games, songs, and skits during Advent and Lent.
- **New opportunity to disciple boys** - Thank God for enthusiastic Christian boys fellowshiping and praying during their Fri lunch recess.
- **New opportunities to minister to teachers** - Thank God for channels to reach teachers through the Fri badminton games, helping out with the Sports Club coaching, and the Cycling 'Chers outing.
- **Greater parents' engagement** - Thank God for PPs who became more involved in our outreach. Thank God also for relationships formed with some of the parents at the badminton clinics and the P1 Orientation booth. Some have joined our PP and COA services.

CHAPLAINCY (SAJS & SAHSCC)

Plans for 2025:

For our Recess ministries, ASP, and PP, we plan to invite more COA members and PPs to minister to boys during their recesses, especially at the field. We plan to also be involved with the Extend-a-Care programme, as part of our afterschool ministry. For PPs, we plan to involve PPs in more outreach activities like Advent and Lent VIA assemblies.

For the Boys Brigade, our 2025 theme is “Heartwarming Hospitality” (Jn 14). We also plan to reintroduce badgework and BB skills and activities.

For VIA assemblies. We plan to teach the Apostles’ Creed in 10 sessions, keyed to the school values. Lively/inspiring songs will be incorporated.

We plan to partner with Watoto Children Choir to proclaim God’s message of hope and love to boys and teachers in early Feb.

We plan to organise an outing for the few families we have been reaching out to, during the Jun holidays, for them to bond with their children, as well as a post-PSLE camp for the few P6s we have been reaching out to, during their PSLE marking days.

Request for Prayer:

- **ASP:** Pray for life and family-changing encounters with God for the boys assigned to us.
- **SA House:** Pray for deeper, Spirit-filled, and life-changing devotions and conversations with the SA House staff, and for more opportunities to minister to the boys.
- **Lent/ Advent programmes:** Pray for wisdom and creativity to plan activities that will faithfully proclaim the Gospel and help boys and staff to better appreciate these Christian seasons.
- **Outreaches to adults:** Pray for opportunities to witness to and build bridges with pre-believing parents, staff, and even contractors (security guards, canteen and bookshop operators).

REPORTED BY:

PS BARNABAS SIM
MINISTRY HEAD
CHAPLAINCY (SAJS & SAHSCC)

CHAPLAINCY (LITTLE SEEDS PRESCHOOL)

Leadership

Revd Ian Chew (Chaplain)

Shirley Kwek (Chaplain Assistant)

Ministry Structure

We conduct weekly devotions onsite for the children at LSP Ascension and LSP Church of the Ascension. We also conducted three chapel services for LSP COA at COA Sanctuary, in January, May and November 2024.

We conducted BB/GB Explorers activities for the K1 and K2 children at LSP Ascension and we restarted LSP Church of Ascension K1 Explorer program in Jan 2024.

Chaplain Assistant Shirley and Revd Ian conduct monthly devotions for the English-speaking teachers in LSP Ascension and COA. Revd Huang and Pastor Alex conduct monthly devotions for the Mandarin-speaking teachers.

In 2024, parents from LSP Ascension joined the praying parents in LSP COA to meet online to pray for the schools. We had 2 onsite breakfast sessions with praying parents in 2024.

Events conducted:

- Religious Emphasis Week at LSP COA
- Story about Easter at LSP Ascension
- Teachers Appreciation Lunch for LSP COA at LSP COA
- Teachers Appreciation Lunch for LSP Ascension at COA MPH
- Prayers for LSP Ascension & COA for Chinese New Year, Mother's Day, National Day, Teachers' Day and Children's Day Celebration
- Visitation to SANH (Aljunied) by LSP COA K1 students
- AK 60th Anniversary
- LSP COA K2 graduation ceremony at COA
- LSP Ascension K2 graduation ceremony at COA
- LSP K2 BB/GB Explorers K2 graduation at LSP Ascension



CHAPLAINCY (LITTLE SEEDS PRESCHOOL)

Thanksgiving:

- Thankful to God for His faithfulness for blessing Ascension kindergarten for past 60 years.
- We praised God that the LSP Ascension's parents are joining us at the praying parents session.
- Thankful that Dianne Seet (COA Sunday School Teacher) continued to join Shirley at Praise at Worship at LSP COA.
- Thankful that God brought children and parents from LSP COA/Ascension to join us in the COA for Easter Day and Children's Day outreach.
- We praise God for 5 Children from LSP COA had joined us on Sunday for Little Gems program.

Plans for 2025:

- To outreach God's words to children, parents, teachers, and staff at LSP Church of Ascension and LSP Ascension (LSP).
- To provide pastoral care for children, parents, teachers, and staff LSP COA and LSP Ascension.
- Maintain good relationship and partnership with LSP COA and LSP Ascension.
- Children and staff devotions
- Chapel services for LSP COA
- Chinese New Year – Distributing of oranges blessings for staff and teachers.
- Religious Emphasis Week (REW) – LSP COA
- Little Gems Camp 2025 – Treasure Quest camp
- Easter Day – Story about Easter and activities at LSP Ascension
- Easter Day – Children from LSP COA and LSP Ascension are invited to join Sunday school activity.
- Prayers for Children's Day, Teacher's Day, National Day and Graduation Day
- Christmas Blessing – Gift and blessings for staff



CHAPLAINCY (LITTLE SEEDS PRESCHOOL)



Prayer Requests:

- God's presence with the children and staff in LSP Ascension and LSP COA.
- Children to grow in their understanding of love, compassion and faith even at a young age.
- Grant wisdom, patience, and strength to the principals and teachers as they guide and nurture the children in their learning and development in the way that pleases God.
- Bless the devotion time with Teachers and Children.
- Grant Chaplaincy team the courage and utterance to speak of God's word to the children, teachers, staff and parents, and God's favor upon the chaplaincy team.
- Harmony and unity in preschools among the staff
- Gospel will be proclaimed to the pre believing teachers, staff, children and parents.

REPORTED BY:

SHIRLEY KWEK
CHAPLAINCY ASSISTANT
CHAPLAINCY (LITTLE SEEDS PRESCHOOL)

COMLINK

Overview of Ministry

The objective of Comlink is to reach out to the pre-believing parents and guardians of Little Seeds Preschool (COA and Ascension) along with the families and friends of COA members through our organised activities. These activities aim to build meaningful relationships, offer encouragement and share the gospel message with participants, inspiring hope and faith in God.

Leadership

Ps Edward Zaccheus (Advisor)
Patricia Tey (Coordinator and Treasurer)
Linda Goh (Administrator)
Loh Ee Meen
Esther Wong
Josephine Eng
Prisca Wong
Sally Lee

Ministry Structure

Our activities are conducted twice monthly (except Jan, Sep, and Nov) on Thursdays from 9:45 AM to 11:30 AM at the LKC Hall.

Our outreach activities include “What’s a cooking?” sessions, health talks, exercise sessions, CNY, Mother’s Day and Year-end party celebrations and walks.



COMLINK

Summary of Key Ministry Activities in 2024:

What's-A-Cooking_(WAC)

We have conducted eight WAC sessions, with an average attendance of 20 participants. One session included a cookout where participants prepared dishes they had learned during WAC. It was an enjoyable experience for everyone.

Special Events

- We organised a Mother's Day Special event on 9 May for 31 mothers. The mothers enjoy a 3-course meal together after the cooking demonstration.
- We organised the CNY Lo Hei event on 22 Feb with 22 participants. Pastor Alex shared at the event.

Walks

We organised a Chinatown Heritage Walk on 21 March with 18 participants. A tour guide was engaged to take us for the walk. The walk was informative and engaging, with participants learning about the area's history and culture.

Thanksgiving:

- Praise God for good participation in all our events.
- Praise God for providing home chefs, instructors and speakers for our outreach events.
- Praise God for the loving service of the Committee and the unity shared.
- Praise God for the opportunity to know and pray for the participants.

Plans for 2025:

- Continue to organise twice-monthly activities that allow for more in-depth interactions, such as cooking, fellowship meals, outings, walks, and health talks.
- Share the Gospel with the participants through speakers or instructors at our outreach programs like the CNY Lo Hei celebration and year-end gathering. In addition, we want to share God's word by praying with them.

COMLINK

- Committee to pray together regularly for the salvation of the pre-believers in our midst.
- Invite participants to church events and activities like Alpha and Carols-by-Candlelight.
- Connect with participants regularly to share concerns and love for them.
- Encourage participants to serve together with the Committee at St Andrew's Nursing Home (Aljunied) on Thursdays, when no other activities are scheduled, to foster stronger bonds through acts of service.



Request for Prayer:

- God will guide all Comlink's activities to align with His plan and grant the Committee creativity in our planning efforts.
- Committee to serve in unity, love and joy with each other and the participants, glorifying God in all we do.
- God will bring like-minded individuals to join and serve on the Committee.
- All participants (including pre-believers and believers) are encouraged and touched by God's love through the activities.
- God to open the floodgates and lead the lost to His Kingdom through the ministry.



REPORTED BY:

**PATRICIA TEY
COORDINATOR
COMLINK**

ELDER FELLOWSHIP

Overview of Ministry

- Pastoral care and social interaction for church members who are elderly and house-bound.
- Ministry opportunities for active retired church members to minister to their fellow seniors.
- Evangelism: especially to church members' parents who are not believers.

Leadership

Ps Edward Zaccheus (Advisor)
Loke Ho Yong (Ministry Head)
Elsie Tan (Treasurer)
Jonah Su (Worship)
Tan Tek Tin (Programme)
Grace Loke (Catering)

Ministry Structure

- Elder Fellowship Communion Service on last Friday of every month from 10.30am – 1.00pm
- Annual Fellowship Lunch Outing
- Annual outing to an attraction
- Annual elderly-related talk



ELDER FELLOWSHIP

Summary of Key Ministry Activities in 2024:

DATE	SPEAKER/SERMON TOPIC	ATTENDANCE
26 Jan 2024	Revd Ian Chew, What is Fruitfulness in the Christian Life? An Overview	50
23 Feb 2024	Revd Huang, What Fruitfulness is like in our Relationship with God	44
22 Mar 2024	Revd Lew Kiat Lern The Fruit of the Spirit: Virtue of Love (Loving others as you love yourself)	45
26 Apr 2024	Pastor Edward The Fruit of the The Spirit: Virtue of Joy & Peace	47
30 May 2024	Pastor Jocelyn The Fruit of the The Spirit: Virtue of Forbearance	46
28 Jun 2024	Revd Ian Chew The Spectre of unfaithfulness	46
26 Jul 2024	Pastor Edward, The Fruit of The Spirit: Kindness	42
30 Aug 2024	Revd Timothy Chow, The Fruit of The Spirit: Goodness	44

ELDER FELLOWSHIP

DATE	SPEAKER/SERMON TOPIC	ATTENDANCE
27 Sep 2024	Pastor Barnabas Sim, The Fruit of The Spirit: Gentleness	42
25 Oct 2024	Pastor Alex Wong, The Fruit of The Spirit: Faithfulness	42
29 Nov 2024	Revd Hambali The Fruit of The Spirit: Self Control	44
27 Dec 2024	Revd Soon Soo Kee Living in the Autumn of Our Life	61

The **Annual Lunch Outing** was held on 26 April 2024 after the Elder Fellowship service on that same day, which saw an attendance of 47 participants. The Elder Fellowship headed over to First Culinary Restaurant in Ang Mo Kio.

The **Annual Outing** was held on 11 Sep 2024. The ministry visited Gardens by the Bay, which exposed our seniors to a new environment and to the beauty of God's creation (flowers and plants). The seniors enjoyed the experience and the fellowship, including the Fellowship Lunch after the visit, at Chilli Padi Tok Panjang. A total of 41 participants attended.

The Committee supported the church's organised talk on Advanced Care Planning held on 13 July 2024. The talk was jointly conducted by Anglican Community Service and Fei Yue. Subsequently, 37 seniors applied for the Advanced Care Plan.

ELDER FELLOWSHIP



Thanksgiving:

- God's guidance and direction
- God's protection for our seniors
- Support from Vicar and church staff
- Good attendance for Holy Communion Service and other activities
- Volunteers generously serving as helpers

Plans for 2025:

The operational or activity plan for 2025 will be the same as that for 2024: (a) monthly Holy Communion Service & Fellowship Lunch on the last Friday of the month; (b) one outing to an attraction cum Fellowship Lunch; (c) lunch outing to a restaurant; and (d) one talk on a topic of relevance to the seniors.

In pursuance of the theme, "Heartwarming Hospitality" for 2025, greater effort will be made to reach out to the COA seniors, who have yet to participate in the EF activities and to the elderly parents of non-senior COA members.

Request for Prayer:

- Greater awareness of the needs of seniors in COA and greater involvement by church members in meeting these needs.
- More volunteers to provide transport services for seniors with mobility challenges.

REPORTED BY:

LOKE HO YONG
MINISTRY HEAD
ELDER FELLOWSHIP

KIDS FOR CHRIST MINISTRY

Overview of Ministry

To teach and grow with the children in God's Truth, Way and Word. To encourage studying God's Word with a heart of gratitude and thanksgiving.

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing"
1 Thessalonians 5:11

Leadership

Shirley Kwek (Pastoral Staff)
Andrew Cheang
Eunice Fong-Chin

Ministry Structure

Conduct of Sunday School classes every Sunday from 10.30am- 12.30pm, except for the months of June and December.

The programme starts with a pre-class projection of Bible verses, following COA's sermon series and previous week's memory verses. A time of prayer and praise & worship follows afterwards. Subsequently, the different levels breakout for their sessions, with weekly curriculum adopted from the Disciplr series.



KIDS FOR CHRIST MINISTRY

Summary of Key Ministry Activities in 2024:

LEVELS	DESCRIPTION	AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE
P1 & P2	Disciplr: Bible Life & Craftwork	9
P3 & P4	Disciplr: Bible Life & worksheets	9
P5 & P6	Disciplr: Tru Story	8

Special Highlights and Observations:

- **Parent Teacher Meeting:** Held in Jan to kickstart Sunday School year to introduce teachers, Teaching assistants to the Parents/ Guardians.
- **Easter Day Celebration:** Outreach in collaboration with LG, Chinese Ministry and KFC.
- **Teacher's Day Celebration:** Skit and worship led by LG/ Chinese Ministry and KFC Children.
- **Children's Day:** Outreach, assisted by a group of COA ladies to celebrate Children's Day with games, food and movie screening.
- **Year End Party:** Chinese Ministry & KFC collaboration of fun activities with intentional-level-transition of children from Little Gems to P1/ KFC.
- **Inter-generational mutual blessing:** Christmas Carols by COA Seniors to the children while KFC children did little crafts as individual gifts to our COA Seniors and residents of SANH.
- **Observation:** more children with unique behaviours.

Thanksgiving:

Thank God for all the children, parents, guardians and the team of teachers and assistants who stepped up and greatly supported by our pastoral and church staff.

KIDS FOR CHRIST MINISTRY

Plans for 2025:

- **Courses for Teachers and Teaching Assistants** in class management and managing children with special needs. We are blessed with a few Little Gems teachers who are specialists in this related field to impart practical knowledge and skills in this aspect to KFC team. Training can either be in-house and/or external, subject to the availability of our specialists and FY2025 budget, to empower and boost the confidence of our teachers and teaching assistants when dealing with the children and parents/guardians.
- **KFC Church Camp** 20th – 21st Jun 2025 (Outreach)
- **More inter-generational activities:** in discussion with Sam Goh.
- **KFC Direction:** To be more intentional and kind to the children, parents/guardians and one another in service. To adopt a more structured approach in terms of encouraging and guiding teaching assistants as we see an increase in the number of KFC children in Jan 2025 (~ 10-15 per level). Eunice to seek guidance and advice from new but experienced Sunday School teachers like Lili so to enhance and enrich the Sunday School experience of the children and parents/guardians.

Request for Prayer:

Pray for God's wisdom, strength, perseverance, unity, protection, love and joy as we serve in this ministry while fixing our eyes and be dependent on Him.

REPORTED BY:

EUNICE FONG-CHIN
COORDINATOR
KIDS FOR CHRIST

LITTLE GEMS MINISTRY

Overview of Ministry

- To guide and teach our pre-schoolers to love God and make Him known.
- To empower teachers, parents and guardians to impart and inspire the children to apply biblical principles in their everyday life.
- To align our church and home to accomplish God's design of generational discipleship.
- To provide a safe and welcoming place for all, especially newcomers and pre-believers, to experience God's love and the fellowship of the church.

Leadership

Shirley Kwek (Pastoral Staff)
Kimberly Teo (Ministry Head)
Dianne Seet
Sim Choon Tee

Ministry Structure

Conduct of Sunday School classes every Sunday from 10.30am- 12.30pm, except for the months of June and December.



"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

Deut 6:5-7



LITTLE GEMS MINISTRY

Summary of Key Ministry Activities in 2024:

Weekly Sunday School

The Little Gems (LG) children have been attending on-site Sunday School every Sunday at 10.30am. The children begin their morning with combined worship before moving on to lessons and craft in their respective levels. Each weekly programme includes a time of Praise and Worship, Bible Teaching, and various activities such as reciting memory verses, storytelling, and Bible-related games.

Resource Development

The Little Gems has developed our own Sunday School resources. Taking reference from the Discipular curriculum, the ministry has refined the content and supplemented it with additional resources tailored for the teachers.

The curriculum is structured around three foundational ideas: God Made Me, God Loves Me, and God Is with Me. Each quarter, the children focus on one of these Big Ideas, exploring it through biblical stories and monthly memory verses. This approach helps children understand and internalise these core spiritual truths. The aim is to create a cohesive and engaging learning experience that fosters spiritual growth and understanding.

Each lesson package provided includes:

- Tuning-in activities such as games or object lessons
- Illustrations for the story
- Monthly memory verses
- Videos
- Crafts

All these components are designed to be age-appropriate and level-appropriate, ensuring an engaging and effective learning environment for the children.

LITTLE GEMS MINISTRY

Special Highlights and Observations:

Increase in attendance

In recent months, we have noticed a growing number of children and their families attending church. Many of these families are either from Little Preschool Church of the Ascension or walk-ins, drawn by curiosity. Among this growing community, there has been an increase in children with special needs. We see this as a valuable opportunity to minister not only to these children but also to support their caretakers.

Strategies for Inclusive Sunday School

In response, we are preparing to hold short learning sessions for our Little Gems (LG) and Kids for Christ (KFC) teachers. These sessions aim to equip them with the necessary skills to manage and support special needs children in class. The training will focus on setting structures and routines, and we are exploring the possibility of creating calm corners to help the children feel more at ease.

Thanksgiving:

New Children Joining Little Gems

We are grateful for the growing number of children who are joining our Little Gems ministry. Each new child represents an opportunity to plant seeds of faith and nurture them in God's love, enriching our Sunday School community.

New Parents and Church Members Volunteering as Assistant Teachers

We give thanks for the parents and church members who have stepped forward to volunteer as assistant teachers. Their willingness to serve not only strengthens our teaching teams but also fosters a deeper connection between families and the church, building a strong sense of community.

Teachers Stepping Up to Support Children with Special Needs

We are deeply thankful for the teachers who have risen to the challenge of supporting children with special needs, even though they may not have professional training. Their dedication and compassionate hearts reflect Christ's love, as they provide a nurturing and inclusive environment for all children.

Teachers' Initiative in Customising Resources:

We thank God for the teachers who have embraced the new in-house teaching resources with open hearts. We are also grateful for the initiative shown by teachers in tailoring the new resources to better suit their class's dynamics. Their proactive approach ensures that every child's unique learning needs are met, creating a more engaging and supportive learning experience for all.

LITTLE GEMS MINISTRY

Plans for 2025:

More Learning Sessions for Teacher Development

We plan to organise additional learning sessions aimed at equipping teachers with key skills in classroom management, designing engaging and age-appropriate lessons, and supporting children with special educational needs (SEN). These sessions will provide practical strategies and tools to enhance the learning environment and foster inclusivity, ensuring that teachers feel confident and capable in managing diverse classroom dynamics.

Little Gems Camp (21-23 March) – 3-Hour Day Camp

We are excited to organise a 3-hour day camp for Little Gems, scheduled for 21-23 March. The camp will be open to Little Seeds pre-schoolers, Little Gems children, and their friends. The camp aims to provide a fun and meaningful experience, incorporating activities that teach biblical values while encouraging social interaction, teamwork, and spiritual growth. It will also be an opportunity to introduce new families to our ministry.

Request for Prayer:

- Pray that God will continue to grant the teachers His strength, joy, and perseverance as they faithfully serve, even in the face of challenges.
- His protection be upon every teacher, child, and family involved in the ministry.
- His wisdom to guide us as we move forward with our future plans, ensuring that everything we do aligns with His purpose and brings glory to His name.
- Pray for the **Little Gem's Camp, Treasure Quest**—that God will prepare the hearts and minds of the participants, allowing them to encounter Him more deeply and recognise Him as their greatest treasure. Additionally, pray for volunteers to support the camp, that they may be instruments of God's blessing to the children.

REPORTED BY:

KIMBERLY TEO
MINISTRY HEAD
LITTLE GEMS MINISTRY

MEN'S NETWORK MINISTRY

Overview of Ministry

- Pastoral care and social interaction for church members who are elderly and house-bound.
- Ministry opportunities for active retired church members to minister to their fellow seniors.
- Evangelism: especially to church members' parents who are not believers.

Leadership

David Wong (Ministry Head)
Geoffrey Stephens
David Tey
David Tan
Winston Tay
Charles Er

Summary of Key Ministry Activities in 2024:

MONTHLY PRAYER MEETINGS

SAJS PRAYER WALK

NATIONAL DAY PRAYER WALK



MEN'S NETWORK MINISTRY

Thanksgiving:

We thank God especially for His protection over all of us for the whole of 2024.

Plans for 2025:

Regular Men's Network Ministry activities to continue for 2025: (a) monthly prayer meeting on the first Saturday of every month; (b) CNY High Tea; (c) Chill-out Night

Request for Prayer:

- More men to join a home cell
- Men of COA to be more active in church activities as well as activities by the Men's Network Ministry, such as the monthly prayer meetings to pray for the church, our families, and the world.

REPORTED BY:

DAVID WONG
MINISTRY HEAD
MEN'S NETWORK MINISTRY

VISITATION MINISTRY

Overview of Ministry

From its original setting of three teams and 12 members (2022), the ministry has grown now with 25 members who have been empowered to lead visitations together with other members joining in.

Indeed, the goal for 2024 to **'Empower each and every volunteer to plan and lead visitations'** has come to fruition.

Leadership

Ps Edward Zaccheus
Edwin Phang
Doris Sim
Nancy Ng

Ministry Structure

Volunteers can initiate visits to the elderly and invite other volunteers to join them. There is some structure to the visit, with volunteers contributing to it:

- Short time of praise and worship
- Sharing of testimonies
- Short devotional sharing
- Prayers for the elderly and helper needs
- Holy Communion if there is a lay reader available to serve.



VISITATION MINISTRY

Summary of Key Ministry Activities in 2024:

Visitation to homebound members

From January 2024 to December 2024 the ministry conducted an estimated 96 visits to homebound members. Of note, the ministry have also included members who are homebound and unable to attend church services or meetings, for a certain period of time because of illness or injury or some other temporary situation.

Also, we are looking through the church's members (elderly) listing and with the advice of aunty Nancy Ng, will reach out to members who are on the electoral roll but have not been to church services or meetings for a long time.

A case example is Bobbi and Bernard and their daughter, Samantha. Through Aunty Nancy, we have re-established contact with them. They are not able to attend services because of the physical health and condition of their daughter, Samantha. They certainly need the Church's encouragement and support.

As we go through the electoral roll, we will reach out to others who may just need the support of the visitation ministry and come 'home' to COA.

Special Highlights and Observations:

Christmas Carolling

We had an enthusiastic response from our volunteers in the ministry who took time to practice and on the actual Caroling day, went to 5 homes to bring the Christmas cheer to our homebound elderly. It was the first time that this ministry did this and we are looking forward to do it again this Christmas to more homes

Thanksgiving:

All of the homebound members (and their family members) that we have visited in 2024, have shared of how they have been blessed richly with these visitations from our volunteers. Through the worship sessions, the devotional readings, testimonies, prayers and of course the serving of Holy Communion, they are grateful and thankful that they can have a 'mini' service in their homes. Church came to them!

The volunteers who have been part of this ministry, have not only extended heartwarming hospitality to our members, but brought with them the Presence of God with every visit. Indeed we are thankful for such caring, loving and supportive volunteers in this ministry.

VISITATION MINISTRY

Plans for 2025:

Add new hosts (those who have not been coming to COA and may be churchless but are open to returning to COA) to our visitation list from our electoral list;

Proper filing of reports and accountability of visits and follow up. We have started a Google Doc (online) where all visitation reports will be filed. Each host also has an individual 'case file' where notes concerning the host's urgent needs or concerns will be followed up on the following visits.

Request for Prayer:

- Pray for all our hosts and church members that we visit. That every visit they will be encouraged by the volunteer/team that ministers to them.
- As we have a number of volunteers on the chat group who are not involved directly yet in visitations (many of them though support the ministry by praying regularly for the ministry and hosts) that they will take the opportunity to be part of the visitation teams.

REPORTED BY:

**PS EDWARD ZACCHEUS
PASTORAL STAFF
VISITATION MINISTRY**

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Overview of Ministry

The ministry will continue to focus on:

- Deepening our intimacy with the Lord so that we worship God not only with our instruments and voices but also with our heart.
- Strengthening the bond within each band so that team members can sharpen one another on their skill and spirituality.
- Training up future musicians both in technically and spiritually.

Leadership

Revd Ian Chew

Elizabeth Phua (Ministry Head)

Sook Won

Roger Deng

Lim Wei Xiang

Ministry Structure

- Worship practices take place on Saturday afternoons, in preparation for worship on for the 10.30am Sunday Service
- Worship team plays for both English 10.30am and Chinese 10.30am services
- Provide Kids For Christ with live worship sessions every first week of the month



WORSHIP MINISTRY

Summary of Key Ministry Activities in 2024:

Worship Ministry Retreat

On the 26 and 27 July 2024, about 27 participants attended COA Worship Retreat. Eunice Wong, Head of Worship and Creative Arts Ministry from the Church of Our Saviour blessed the worship ministry through her teaching on worship.

Drums Workshop

Taught by Shaun Ho, the Drums Workshop continued until the end of July 2025. Emma Er, Samuel Chew and Samuel Soh continued to benefit from learning basic drumming from Shaun.

Mentoring of Young Musicians

From January 2025, Aaron Ong, Adrian Choo and Angela Lim started teaching and mentoring young musicians including Eleanor Lai, Noah Lai, Jodie, Tan Sze Hui, Samuel Chew, and Oliver Chua. The young musicians are taught fundamentals of playing the instruments, or ways to improve their playing. Saturday morning sessions are held by Aaron Ong to improve the skills of the young drummers.

Special Highlights and Observations:

The AV team upgraded the sound system for the Worship Ministry, moving towards an In-Ear Monitor system that enables musicians and worship leaders to better balance the sound and communicate with each other. We thank Wei Xiang, Roger and team for the hard work they put into sourcing and upgrading the system as well as training musicians on how to use the system

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Thanksgiving:

We thank God for the commitment and dedication of Worship Leaders, musicians, sound and AV team to the leading the congregation in praise and worship. We thank God for the leadership of Worship Leaders and Sound and AV leaders, not only in music but also in terms of building the relationship of band members.

We thank God for new additions to the Worship Ministry, including Chris Chua (Vocalist), Elishey (Vocalist), Chloe Lim (Bassist).

We thank God also for the willingness of Worship Leaders and musicians to mentor younger members musically and spiritually.

Plans for 2025:

Worship Retreat 2025

We will be having our Worship Ministry Retreat in Jul this year. We would like to request for prayer for the Retreat.

Training of Young Musicians

We will be continuing with the training and mentoring of young musicians, including Jodie, Eleanor, Noah, Sze Hui, Samuel Chew, Emma Er and Oliver Chua. We thank God for the willingness of Aaron Ong, Adrian Choo and Angela Lim for the mentoring of these musicians.

Request for Prayer:

- Ministry members to have deeper intimacy with the Lord and to express their worship to God through the way they live their lives.
- New musicians, vocalists and worship leaders to be raised at the English and Chinese services, and also at the Children and Youth ministries.

REPORTED BY:

ELIZABETH PHUA
MINISTRY HEAD
WORSHIP MINISTRY

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY

Overview of Ministry

Mission Statement of the YPM:

Kardia - "I love the Lord with all my heart", to present to God young people who love Him with all their heart.

- For our youths to grow spiritually mature through the discipline of feeding on God's word regularly and seeking the Lord in prayer.
- A deeper revelation of Christ in our lives and a greater expression of our thanksgiving through public testimony.
- Cultivate a heart of service for the Lord in our various gifts and for Kardia to be a welcoming space for pre/new believers!

Leadership (Young Adults)

Angelina Lim
Winston Tay
Shaun Foo
Aaron Cheang

Leadership (Kardia)

Angelina Lim
Jerrold Quek
Isaac Yam

Kardia Cell Group Leaders

- **BibleCentral (aged 19 and above):**
Aaron Cheang, Emma Chew, Jovan Sim
- **J-Walkers (aged 16-18):** Anna Cheang, Jerald Seet, Tang Sze Kay
- **W.O.W (aged 15):** Amelia Ee, Christian Tay, Isaac Yam, Nigel Lim
- **I.O.N.S (aged 13-14):** Chloe Chew, Dorcas Lim, Shaun Foo

Ministry Structure

- Youth Encounter Night: First Saturday of the month from 7pm-9pm.
- Cell Group Meetings: Second and/or Third Sunday of the month after 10.30am service.
- Kardia Combined Fellowship: Last Sunday of the month from 1.30pm-3pm.
- Sports Games: Second and Fourth Saturday of the month from 4pm-6pm.
- Sunday School Classes: Second and Fourth Sundays of the month from 9.30am-10.20am, except for the months of June, November and December.
- Young Adults Fellowship: Once in two months (bi-monthly), Friday evenings.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY

Summary of Key Ministry Activities in 2024:

DATE	SPEAKER/SERMON TOPIC	ATTENDANCE
7 Jan 2024	We formally inducted the incoming 13-year-olds into Kardia and introduced them to their Youth Cell, led by Chloe Chew, Dorcas Lim and Shaun Foo. We also recounted God's faithfulness in the past year (2023) and shared upcoming plans for Kardia in 2024	
28 Jan 2024	How do I share the Gospel - by Soon Chin Ai and How Seok Li	40+
25 Feb 2024	Dating within Church - by Desmond and Kimberly Teo	30+
21 Apr 2024	Mental Health - by PSALT Care	30+
26 May 2024	Sexual Purity (Pornography, Masturbation, and Sex) - by Sue-Anne Wu	30+
28 Jul 2024	Punch Needling Activity	30
25 Aug 2024	Managing School Stress Talk - by Ps Gary Koh from Bethesda Bedok Tampines Church	30
29 Sep 2024	Bake. Board. Breathe!	20+
20 Oct 2024	Youth Camp Fundraiser Activity	
24 Nov 2024	Onboarding for incoming Sec 1s and Newcomers	

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY – KARDIA

Youth Encounter Night

1. Acts 1, "Introduction to Acts" by Angelina Lim – 3 February 2024
2. Acts 2, "Filled with The Holy Spirit" by Angelina Lim – 2 March 2024
3. Acts 3 & 4, "Speaking in Boldness" by Angelina Lim – 6 April 2024
4. Acts 5, "The Power of Prevailing Prayer" by Revd Ian Chew – 4 May 2024
5. Acts 6 & 7, "Who Is Stephen?" by Angelina Lim – 6 July 2024, 5pm–6.30pm
6. Acts 8, "The Gospel Spreads" by Angelina Lim – 3 August 2024, 7pm–8.30pm
7. Acts 9, "Redeeming Love" by Angelina Lim – 31 August 2024, 7pm–8.30pm
8. Worship Night – 9 Nov 2024, 7pm–9pm

Kardia Cell Groups

From January to May, the 4 youth cells embarked on the 'Growing in Fruitfulness' Bible Study alongside the Church's Sermon Series. In the month of June, the youth leaders organised cell outings such as Cycling, Sentosa Luge and Bowling to encourage bonding and a time of fun before school restarts in Term 3. In the second half of the year, our youth cells embarked on 'Fulfilling God's Purposes in Ministry' Bible Study together with the rest of the adult cells.

Kardia Saturday Games

Indoor Games @ SASS Indoor Sports Hall, 4pm–6pm, alternate Saturdays:

24 Feb, 9 Mar, 23 Mar, 13 Apr, 27 Apr, 15 Jun, 29 Jun, 13 July, 27 July, 10 Aug, 17 Aug, 7 Sept, 21 Sept, 5 Oct

We have been playing a variety of games, ranging from Basketball, Floorball, Volleyball, to Pickleball. Our Saturday Games is open to all and members from The Crossing Church Singapore have been regulars in playing sports with us.

Unfortunately, our Saturday Games at the SASS Indoor Sports Hall had to be put on a halt from Nov 2024 – Feb 2025 as the ISH had to go through repair works.

Senior Sunday School (SSS)

- Secondary One Teachers: Phua Kia Wang and Eliza Phua
- Secondary Two Teachers: Jerrold Quek and Shaun Foo
- Number of Secondary One students: 5
- Number of Secondary Two students: 9

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY – YOUNG ADULTS

Exploring God's Purposes – 3 March 2024

- Speaker: Abraham Yeo, founder of Homeless Hearts – a secular homeless befriending group based on Christian values.
- No. of attendees: 14

Science and Faith Talk – 5 May 2024

- Speaker: Keith Leong, a member of St James' Church who completed his Master of Studies in Science and Religion at the University of Oxford.
- No. of attendees: 15

YA Dinner: The Vicar's Visit – 28 June 2024 @ Different Taste Restaurant

- No. of attendees: 23

Young Adults' Retreat, 23-24 August 2024 at the Praisehaven Retreat Centre

We had about 27 young adults who attended and the theme of this retreat was to 'Seek Ye First' based on the gospel passage Matthew 6:19-34. Revd Ian and his wife, Esther, were both present for this retreat and Revd Ian shared on the topic of 'How can we know God's Will?' as we found that this was a common topic and curiosity amongst our Young Adults at this stage of their lives where many are facing crossroads and major life decisions (career, relationships, family etc).

Movie Night – 25 October 2024, Friday

- No. of attendees: 12
- Hosted by Eugene and Jenny Quek and the movie "The Shack" was screened.

Wine & Cheese Night – 27 December 2024, Friday

- No. of attendees: 15
- Hosted by Victor and Sue-Anne Wu

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY

Special Highlights and Observations:

March Holiday Special – 17 March 2024

- Bowling @ JFORTE Sportainment Centre
- No. of participants: 25 persons

Youth Sunday Special – 30 June 2024

- Makan & Movie Night in COA ("Overcomer", a 2019 American Christian drama film)
- No. of participants: 33 persons

Youth Mission Trip to St. Andrew's Church Chiang Mai (SACM) – 4 to 10 December 2024

A team of 7 Youths and Young Adults traveled to SACM to conduct a Young Adults Camp (aged 19-24) and Discipleship sessions on the topic of 'What is Worship?' for SACM's youths aged 13-14. A puppet workshop was also conducted to empower the Siriaunda (Kindergarten) School teachers in using puppets to teach and engage their students. Apart from teaching, we also engaged the youths and young adults through games by taking them to an indoor entertainment center and played Laser Tag and Trampoline Park.

Ultimately, it is our hope that we will be able to establish a long-term relationship with SACM's Youths, forge new friendships and support one another in our Christian faith and walk with Christ.

Youth Camp "Journey Unshaken" – 15-18 December 2024

- Speaker: Ps Samuel Phun, Senior Pastor of River Community Church
- Camp commandants: Isaac Yam, Dorcas Lim (Vice CC)
- No. of participants: 45

Thanksgiving:

Confirmation: Thank God for the 13 youths and 2 young adults who were confirmed in October 2024.

Service: Thank God for more youths who have stepped up to serve in various ministries – Usher Team, Scripture Reading, Intercession, Worship Team, KWSH Care Ministry etc.

Unity: Thank God for the consistency of our youth activities and the hard work of our leaders who have journeyed with our youths, regularly checking in, praying for them and tirelessly inviting each person to participate in cell and combined activities.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY

Plans for 2025:

1. Youth Alpha, 2 March – 4 May
2. Youth Mission Trip to SACM, 7-11 April
3. YPM Leaders' retreat, 20-21 June
4. Youth Camp, 28-31 Dec

Kardia Monthly Structure

1st Saturday of the month: Youth Encounter Night, 7pm

2nd Sunday of the month: *Combined Cell, 1.30pm-3pm

3rd Sunday of the month: Small Cell Groups, after 10.30am service

4th Sunday of the month: Combined Fellowship, 1.30pm-3pm

*Introduction of monthly Combined Cell Bible Study (led by Kardia cell leaders on a rotational basis) to encourage inter-cell bonding and provide an avenue to hear different perspectives across the different age and maturity level of youths.

Request for Prayer:

- Pray for our current leaders to continue to serve with a joyful heart and for the Lord to sustain our leaders with His strength and wisdom. Pray also that 2025 will be a year of intentionally discipling new leaders and that more youths will rise to take on greater responsibility and develop a greater desire to labour in and for God's Kingdom.
- Pray for Youth Alpha (2 March – 4 May) that our youths will have the courage to invite their friends and be sensitive to how the Holy Spirit is leading them to share Christ's light and love to others. Pray for the Alpha programme to run smoothly and that we will be able to create an environment that is conducive for honest sharings and deep connections to be forged between one another.
- Pray for open hearts and minds to embrace new people in our midst and for our young people to grow in the aspect of hospitality.

REPORTED BY:

ANGELINA LIM

PASTORAL STAFF

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY



TREASURER'S REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
(Diocese of Singapore)
(UEN No.: T08CC4066A)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2024

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HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

Beloved Family of the Church of the Ascension,

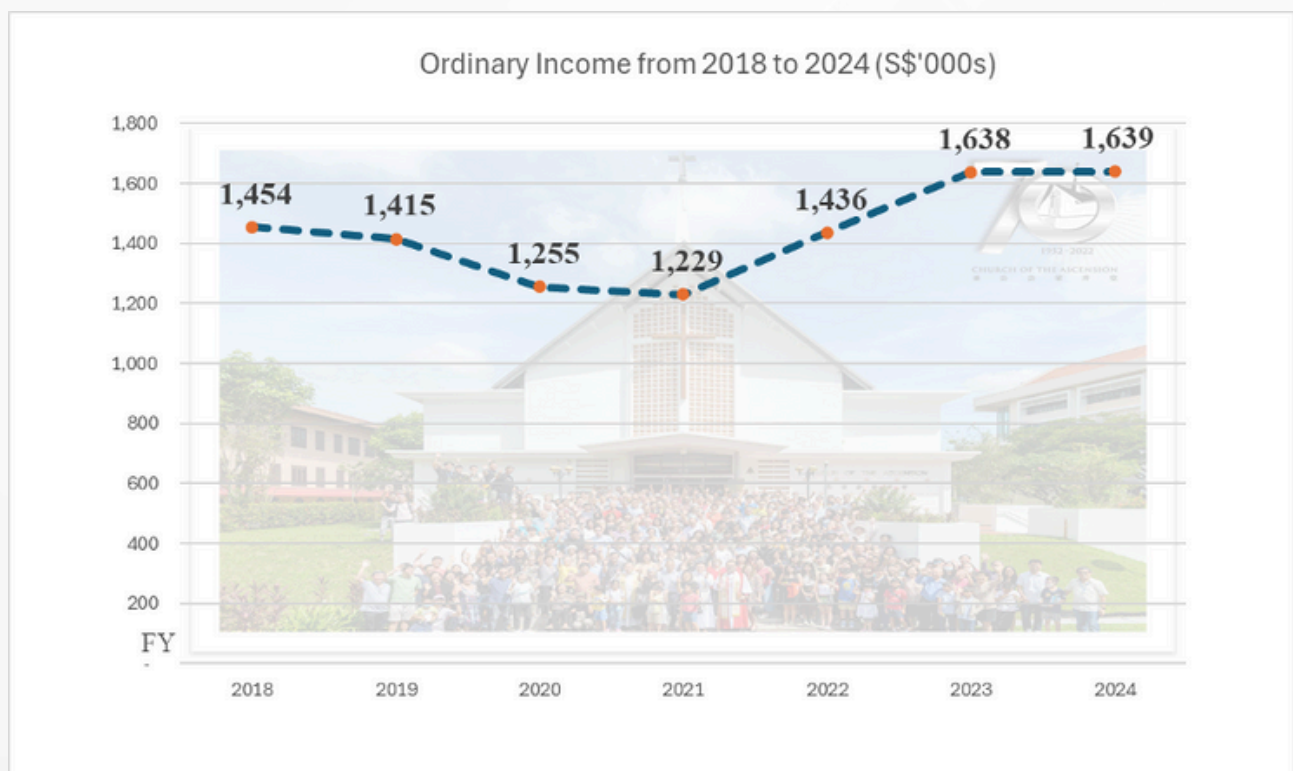
With gratitude and faith, I present this Honorary Treasurer's Report for the financial year ending 31 December 2024. Throughout the past year, we have witnessed God's provision and faithfulness, guiding our stewardship of the resources entrusted to our Church so that we could keep Growing in Fruitfulness.

Financial Overview of the Past Year

Despite the economic uncertainties and challenges, we thank God that our Church has remained financially stable.

Tithes/ Freewill Offertory/ Thanksgiving = Total Ordinary Income, reflecting the continued generosity and commitment of our congregation for FY2024 amounted to **\$1,638,705 (83% of 2024 Budget: \$1,977,272); and 0.06% marginally higher than the previous year [FY2023: \$1,637,743].**

The total contributions received from members over the past 7 years are charted out in the graph below:



Total operating expenditure for 2024 amounted to \$1,912,088, representing 89% of the approved budget (\$2,143,043) and reflecting a 12% increase from the previous year's expenses (FY2023: \$1,714,042). The key drivers of this increase were:

a. Staffing Costs – Additional manpower to meet the growing ministry needs, including the hiring of one chaplaincy staff for St. Andrew's Nursing Home (SANH) from January 2024, and a Finance Officer who served for four months until October 2024. The increase also accounts for the annual salary increment and a slightly higher recommended bonus compared to 2023 (as aligned with the guidelines from DOS).

b. Outreach and Evangelism work, namely, the chaplaincy ministry at SANH, expanded mission efforts, and greater financial support for humanitarian aid during crises. Additionally, there was an increase in giving towards mission work in Indonesia and Thailand, as well as donations to Christian organisations.

Building & Equipment Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses saw a 7-8% reduction compared to 2023. Notably, the Church continued to benefit from the solar panels, achieving approximately \$13,000 in utility savings, which translates to a 35% reduction in electricity costs.

For FY2024, the Church recorded a modest net income of \$28,821 before the provision for the Sinking Fund. However, after setting aside \$66,000 for future maintenance and major repair needs, we ended the year with a deficit of \$37,179. While this shortfall presents a challenge, we remain steadfast in our faith that God will provide. At the same time, we recognize that we, as His people, are called to be faithful stewards of what He has entrusted to us.

This is an opportunity for us to step forward in faith—to tithe consistently, give generously, and sow joyfully into His Kingdom's work. Our giving enables the Church to sustain its ministries, expand outreach efforts, and ensure that the House of the Lord remains well-provided for.

Financial Stewardship, Our Collective Responsibility and Accountability

As faithful stewards of God's resources, we have exercised prudent financial management. Our cash reserves remain strong, and our Balance Sheet Net Assets as of 31 December 2024 stood at \$7,428,426, **slightly lower than in 2023 by 0.6%.**

Our **Sinking Fund has been increased to \$924,350**, resulting from the \$220,800 transfer of the development fund, and the provision of \$66,000 less the deduction of expenses amounting to \$8,720 for this year. Refer to page 114 of the audited financial statements for more details. This provision is timely and essential, as the church's air-conditioning system is due for a much-needed upgrade, and these reserves ensure that we can meet future maintenance needs of our Church's facilities. Additionally, our **Schools Chaplaincy Fund remains at \$2,861,760**, sustaining our outreach to the next generation.

As 2024 drew to a close, the PCC has committed to enhancing accountability by ensuring a monthly financial update is included in the church bulletin. Do look out for it during the last week of each month!

FY2025 Budget Highlights – Faith and the Future

2024 has been a year of much sowing and hard work, as we worked towards growth and fruitfulness. Amidst an uncertain global economic outlook and persisting inflation, the work continues as we open our lives, hearts, and our church for more Heartwarming Hospitality in the Kingdom of God in 2025.

Based on a bottoms-up approach i.e., the summation of all anticipated expenditures, we have planned a Budget of \$ 2,419,630; about 27% higher than the FY2024's needs and 13% higher than the Budget in 2024 [FY2024 Budget: \$2,143,043].

Total Ordinary Income (Total Members' Contribution – Tithes/ Freewill Offertory/ Thanksgiving) budgeted at \$2,285,237 is an increase of 16% compared to the previous year's budget. [FY2024 Budget: \$1,977,272].

Net Other Income is budgeted at \$134,393 which is much lower than FY2024 as COA will no longer receive license fees and interest rates are forecasted to possibly continue to fall. Hence, we have chosen to be conservative with such sources of income.

On behalf of the PCC, I extend my heartfelt thanks to every member who has contributed through tithes, offerings, and faithful service. May we continue to be generous stewards of all that God has given us, trusting that He will bless and multiply our efforts for His glory as we continue to sow into His eternal riches.

I would like to conclude the Honorary Treasurer's Report with two pivotal verses that have guided the PCC's work:

"Roll your works upon the Lord [commit and trust them wholly to Him; He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will, and] so shall your plans be established and succeed."

Proverbs 16:3

"Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and the earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and Yours it is to be exalted as Head over all.

Both riches and honor come from You, and You reign over all. In Your hands are power and might; in Your hands it is to make great and to give strength to all.

Now therefore, our God, we thank You and praise Your glorious name and those attributes which that name denotes.

But who am I, and what are my people, that we should retain strength and be able to offer thus so willingly? For all things come from You, and out of Your own [hand] we have given You. But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you."

1 Chronicles 29:11-14

God bless all of you!

SOON KHOO GWEK NEO TERESA

HONORARY TREASURER

PCC 2024/25

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION 2025 BUDGET

(Diocese of Singapore)


	Income and Expenditure		
	Actual FY2024	Budget FY2025 \$	Change % +/(-)
<u>Income</u>			
Offertories, Donations & Contributions	1,638,705	2,285,237	
Bank Interest Income	142,494	100,000	
Other Income (Includes Govt grants, Love Gift, Subsidy fr DOS Edu Mission Fund)	65,682	34,393	
Gain on lease modification		-	
License fees Received	15,029	-	
	1,861,910	2,419,630	30%
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Quota	116,160	157,077	35%
Manpower	1,063,817	1,407,508	32%
Staff Salary & Stipends of Clergy	893,766	1,155,060	29%
Staff Welfare & Benefits	5,337	30,334	
CPF & SDF Contributions	119,473	145,076	
Transport Expenses	17,086	32,430	
Medical & related expenses	22,955	39,608	
Love Gifts & Honorarium	5,200	5,000	
Building and Maintenance	221,722	214,837	-3%
Maintenance of Building	111,875	95,716	
Security Services	44,973	48,363	
Musical Instrument - Purchase & Maintenance	618	1,308	
Safety Committee	358	2,265	
Depreciation of Property, Plant & Equipment	55,161	58,448	
Depreciation of Right-Of-Use Asset	8,737	8,737	
Other Operating & Administrative Expenses	244,148	269,850	11%
Bookkeeping Fees	28,870	4,510	
Office Expenses (Stationery & Printing)	2,329	7,290	
Church Expenses (Vestry, Worship, Flowers, Anniversary, Camp & Etc)	38,027	45,787	
Communication & Media (Includes Website & Internet)	10,301	19,044	
Utilities & Telephone Charges	30,564	57,573	
Vehicle Maintenance	6,021	8,702	
Auditor's Remuneration	7,064	7,031	
Bank Charges	254	380	
Donations to Christian Organisations	105,000	100,000	
Miscellaneous Expense	11,136	16,049	
Interest Expense on Lease Liability	1,791	1,485	
Property, Plant & Equipment Expensed Off	2,791	2,000	
Special Projects (Children's Ministry, Young People's Ministry, Chinese Congregation, Alpha, Chaplaincy, Welfare Aid, Local Evangelism & Etc.)	111,607	220,858	98%
Mission Activities Expenses (Overseas)	75,635	89,500	18%
Sinking Fund	66,000	60,000	
	1,899,089	2,419,630	
Net Surplus/ (Deficit) for the financial year transferred to General Fund	(37,179)	0	

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
(Diocese of Singapore)

STATEMENT BY THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council, we do hereby state that in our opinion, the financial statements of Church of the Ascension (the “Church”) as set out on pages 101 to 116, are properly drawn up in accordance with Financial Reporting Standards in Singapore so as to present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Church as at 31 December 2024, and of the financial performance, changes in funds and cash flows of the Church for the financial year ended on that date.

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council,

Signed by:

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Revd Ian Chew Houn Meing
Chairman

7 March 2025

Signed by:

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

(Diocese of Singapore)

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Church of the Ascension (the "Church") as set out on pages 101 to 116, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2024, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in funds and statement of cash flows for the financial year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements are properly drawn up in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards in Singapore ("FRSs") so as to present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Church as at 31 December 2024, and of the financial performance, changes in funds and cash flows of the Church for the financial year ended on that date.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing ("SSAs"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Church in accordance with the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority ("ACRA") *Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Public Accountants and Accounting Entities* ("ACRA Code") together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Singapore, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the ACRA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Information

The Parochial Church Council is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Statement by the Parochial Church Council as set out on page 97, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION (cont'd)**
(Diocese of Singapore)

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements (cont'd)

Responsibilities of the Parochial Church Council and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

The Parochial Church Council is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with FRSs, and for such internal control as the Parochial Church Council determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Parochial Church Council is responsible for assessing the Church's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Church or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Church's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SSAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Church's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Parochial Church Council.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION (cont'd)**
(Diocese of Singapore)

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements (cont'd)

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (cont'd)

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Parochial Church Council's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Church's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Church to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Signed by:

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Baker Tilly TFW LLP
Public Accountants and
Chartered Accountants
Singapore

7 March 2025

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

(Diocese of Singapore)

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**For the financial year ended 31 December 2024**

	Note	General fund \$	Specific funds \$	Total 2024 \$	Total 2023 \$
Income					
Offertories, donations and contributions		1,638,705	13,000	1,651,705	1,647,743
Bank interest income		142,494	—	142,494	155,357
Contribution for mission activities	17	—	16,725	16,725	89,365
Government grant		16,507	—	16,507	19,531
Rental love gift income		16,175	—	16,175	14,631
License fee		15,029	—	15,029	90,175
Miscellaneous income		33,000	—	33,000	45,000
Gain on lease modification	5	—	—	—	3,704
Specific funds receipts	16	—	—	—	1,670
		1,861,910	29,725	1,891,635	2,067,176
Less Expenditures					
Quota		116,160	—	116,160	146,332
Manpower					
Staff salary and stipends of clergy		893,766	—	893,766	716,052
Staff welfare and benefits		5,337	—	5,337	10,858
CPF & SDF contributions		119,473	—	119,473	94,000
Transport expenses		17,086	—	17,086	14,958
Medical and related expense		22,955	—	22,955	16,702
Love gifts		5,200	—	5,200	3,900
Building and maintenance					
Maintenance of building		111,875	8,720	120,595	153,978
Security services		44,973	—	44,973	41,894
Musical instrument - purchase and maintenance		618	—	618	904
Safety Committee		358	—	358	708
Amortisation of Deferred Capital Donations	12	(70,822)	70,822	—	—
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	4	125,983	—	125,983	118,626
Depreciation of right-of-use asset	5	8,737	—	8,737	8,532
Other operating & administrative expenses					
Bookkeeping fee		28,870	—	28,870	31,240
Office expenses (stationery, printing, publications, etc)		2,329	—	2,329	3,102
Church expenses (vestry, camp, flowers etc)		38,027	—	38,027	32,538
Communications and media		10,301	—	10,301	10,309
Utilities and telephone charges		30,564	—	30,564	43,628
Vehicle maintenance		6,021	—	6,021	5,481
Auditor's remuneration		7,064	—	7,064	6,036
Bank charges		254	—	254	277
Donations to Christian organisations		105,000	—	105,000	84,503
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		—	—	—	65
Miscellaneous expense		11,136	—	11,136	9,710
Interest expense on lease liability	5	1,791	—	1,791	1,955
Property, plant and equipment expensed off		2,791	—	2,791	5,386
Special projects	3	111,607	13,000	124,607	124,111
Mission activities expenses (Overseas)		75,635	—	75,635	39,643
Specific funds expenses	10, 16, 17	—	11,177	11,177	944,715
		1,833,089	103,719	1,936,808	2,670,143
Net surplus/(deficit) and total comprehensive income/(loss) for the financial year					
		28,821	(73,994)	(45,173)	(602,967)

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET**At 31 December 2024**

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	4	2,401,878	2,458,046
Right-of-use asset	5	27,666	36,403
		2,429,544	2,494,449
Current assets			
Sundry receivables	6	39,082	59,894
Fixed deposits	7	4,600,000	4,400,000
Bank and cash balances		524,853	679,164
		5,163,935	5,139,058
Total assets		7,593,479	7,633,507
Non-current liability			
Lease liability	5	26,904	33,196
Current liabilities			
Sundry payables	8	131,921	120,725
Lease liability	5	6,228	5,987
		138,149	126,712
Total liabilities		165,053	159,908
Net assets		7,428,426	7,473,599
Funds			
General Fund	9	1,340,039	1,377,218
Yee Teck Peng Education Fund	10	13,405	13,805
Chapel Fund	11	4,549	4,549
Deferred Capital Donations	12	2,248,481	2,319,303
Sinking Fund	13	924,350	646,270
Development Fund	14	–	220,800
Chaplaincy Fund	15	–	–
Schools Chaplaincy Fund	16	2,861,760	2,861,760
Mission Fund	17	35,842	29,894
Total funds		7,428,426	7,473,599

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUNDS
For the financial year ended 31 December 2024

	← Specific Funds →								
	General Fund \$	Education Fund \$	Chapel Fund \$	Deferred Capital Donations \$	Sinking Fund \$	Development Fund \$	Schools Chaplaincy Fund \$	Mission Fund \$	Total \$
Balance at 1.1.2023	1,115,186	14,205	4,549	2,390,125	586,767	220,800	3,457,735	287,199	8,076,566
Net surplus/(deficit) and total comprehensive income/(loss) for the financial year	358,032	(400)	–	(70,822)	(36,497)	–	(310,975)	(542,305)	(602,967)
Inter funds transfer	(96,000)	–	–	–	96,000	–	(285,000)	285,000	–
Balance at 31.12.2023	1,377,218	13,805	4,549	2,319,303	646,270	220,800	2,861,760	29,894	7,473,599
Net surplus/(deficit) and total comprehensive income/(loss) for the financial year	28,821	(400)	–	(70,822)	(8,720)	–	–	5,948	(45,173)
Inter funds transfer	(66,000)	–	–	–	286,800	(220,800)	–	–	–
Balance at 31.12.2024	1,340,039	13,405	4,549	2,248,481	924,350	–	2,861,760	35,842	7,428,426

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**For the financial year ended 31 December 2024**

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Deficit for the financial year	(45,173)	(602,967)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	125,983	118,626
Depreciation of right-of-use asset	8,737	8,532
Gain on lease modification	—	(3,704)
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	—	65
Interest expense on lease liability	1,791	1,955
Interest income	(142,494)	(155,357)
Operating deficit before movements in working capital	(51,156)	(632,850)
Sundry receivables	7,932	(12,335)
Sundry payables	11,196	(29,661)
Net cash used in operating activities	(32,028)	(674,846)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest received	155,374	142,472
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(69,815)	(54,572)
Net cash generated from investing activities	85,559	87,900
Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayment of lease liability	(6,051)	(5,706)
Interest paid	(1,791)	(1,955)
Net cash used in financing activities	(7,842)	(7,661)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	45,689	(594,607)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year	5,079,164	5,673,771
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	5,124,853	5,079,164
Cash and cash equivalents included in the cash flows statement comprise the following:		
Fixed deposits	4,600,000	4,400,000
Bank and cash balances	524,853	679,164
	5,124,853	5,079,164

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**For the financial year ended 31 December 2024**

These notes form an integral part of and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements.

1. Church information

The principal activity of the Church of the Ascension (the “Church”) which is domiciled in Singapore consists of sharing the gospel and teachings of Jesus Christ. There has been no significant change in the nature of this activity during the course of the financial year. The Church’s principal place of operations is at 13 Francis Thomas Drive, Singapore 359339.

2. Material accounting policies**a) Basis of preparation**

The financial statements, presented in Singapore dollar (“\$”), which is the Church’s functional currency, have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards in Singapore (“FRSs”). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except as disclosed in the accounting policies below.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with FRSs requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the financial year. Although these estimates are based on the Parochial Church Council’s best knowledge of current events and actions and historical experiences and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, actual results may ultimately differ from those estimates.

Use of estimates and judgements

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

There were no significant judgements made in applying accounting policies and no estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial period.

The carrying amounts of receivables (excluding prepayment), cash and cash equivalents and payables (other than lease liabilities) approximate their respective fair values due to the relatively short-term maturity of these financial instruments.

New and revised standards that are adopted

In the current financial year, the Church has adopted all the new and revised FRSs and Interpretations of FRSs (“INT FRSs”) that are relevant to its operations and effective for the current financial year. Changes to the Church’s accounting policies have been made as required, in accordance with the transitional provisions in the respective FRSs and INT FRSs.

The adoption of these new/revised FRSs and INT FRSs did not have any material effect on the financial results or position of the Church.

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2. Material accounting policies (cont'd)

a) Basis of preparation (cont'd)

New and revised standards not yet effective

New standards, amendments to standards and interpretations that have been issued at the balance sheet date but are not yet effective for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 have not been applied in preparing these financial statements. None of these are expected to have a significant effect on the financial statements of the Church except as disclosed below:

FRS 118 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements

FRS 118 will replace FRS 1 *Presentation of Financial Statements* for annual reporting period beginning on or after 1 January 2027, with earlier application permitted. It requires retrospective application with specific transition provisions.

The new standard introduces the following key requirements:

- Entities are required to classify all income and expenses into five categories in the statement of profit or loss, namely operating, investing, financing, discontinued operations and income tax categories. Entities are also required to present subtotals and totals for “operating profit”, “profit or loss before financing and income taxes”, and “profit or loss” in the statement of profit or loss.
- Management-defined performance measures (“MPMs”) are disclosed in a single note within the financial statements. This note includes details on how the measure is calculated, the relevance of the information provided to users, and a reconciliation to the most comparable subtotal specified by the FRSs.
- Enhanced guidance on aggregating and disaggregating information in financial statements.

In addition, all entities are required to use the operating surplus subtotal as the starting point for the statement of cash flows when presenting operating cash flows under the indirect method.

The Church is in the process of assessing the impact of the new standard on the primary financial statements and notes to the financial statements.

b) Income recognition

Income is recognised on the following basis:

Donations including offertories, donations	- when received in cash
and other charitable contributions	
Interest income	- on a time proportion basis

Income and expenditure relating to the various reserve funds specifically set up are taken directly to these funds.

c) Taxation

The Church is exempted from income tax as it is an Anglican Church under the control of the Titular Anglican bishop of Singapore.

d) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment loss.

Property, plant and equipment except for building are depreciated on a straight line basis so as to allocate the depreciable amount of the property, plant and equipment over their estimated useful lives of 5 years.

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2. Material accounting policies (cont'd)

d) Property, plant and equipment (cont'd)

The building is depreciated on a straight line basis over its estimated useful life of 50 years.

On disposal of property, plant and equipment, the difference between the net disposal proceeds and its carrying amount is taken to surplus or deficit.

Fully depreciated assets are retained in the financial statements until they are no longer in use.

e) Leases

The Church assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

When the Church is the lessee

The Church applies a single recognition and measurement approach for all contracts that are, or contain, a lease, except for short-term leases (i.e. for leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option) and leases of low-value assets. For these exempted leases, the Church recognises the lease payments as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease unless another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leased assets are consumed.

Lease liabilities

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted by using the rate implicit in the lease. If this rate cannot be readily determined, the Church uses its incremental borrowing rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise fixed lease payments (including in-substance fixed payments).

The lease liability is presented as a separate line in the balance sheet.

The lease liability is subsequently measured by increasing the carrying amount to reflect interest on the lease liability using the effective interest method, and reducing the carrying amount to reflect the lease payments made.

The Church remeasures the lease liability (and makes a corresponding adjustment to the related right-of-use asset) whenever there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in the lease payments (e.g., changes to future payments resulting from a change in an index or rate used to determine such lease payments) or a change in the assessment of an option to purchase the underlying asset.

Right-of-use assets

The Church recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease (i.e., the date the underlying asset is available for use). The right-of-use assets comprise the initial measurement of the corresponding lease liability, lease payments made at or before the commencement date, initial direct cost, less any lease incentive received.

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2. Material accounting policies (cont'd)**e) Leases (cont'd)*****When the Church is the lessee (cont'd)******Right-of-use assets (cont'd)***

Right-of-use assets are subsequently measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter period of the lease term and useful life of the underlying asset. If ownership of the leased asset transfers to the Church at the end of the lease term or the cost reflects the exercise of a purchase option, depreciation is calculated using the estimated useful life of the asset. The depreciation starts at the commencement date of the lease.

The right-of-use assets are presented as a separate line in the balance sheet.

The Church applies FRS 36 *Impairment of Assets* to determine whether a right-of-use asset is impaired and accounts for any identified impairment loss.

As a practical expedient, FRS 116 *Leases* permits a lessee not to separate non-lease components, and instead account for any lease and associated non-lease component as a single arrangement. The Church has not used this practical expedient.

3. Special projects

	2024 \$	2023 \$
These comprise:		
Alpha Outreach	2,145	2,263
Ascension Women Ministry (AWM)	1,780	842
Chaplaincy	18,682	13,693
Children's Ministry	6,277	6,003
Chinese Congregation	8,365	7,072
Local Evangelism	32,974	33,040
Home Cell Group	55	456
SERVE/Intern Program	2,000	7,502
Welfare Aid	9,600	9,300
Worship	2,719	5,289
Youth People Ministry	29,251	27,845
Elder Fellowship	7,930	8,288
Christian Education	935	635
Joint Chaplaincy SA	1,700	1,700
Marriage & Family	194	183
	124,607	124,111

Included in chaplaincy expense of \$13,000 (2023: \$10,000) was paid using Chaplaincy Fund as disclosed in Note 15. The remaining of \$5,682 (2023: \$3,693) was paid using General Fund.

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4. Property, plant and equipment

	Building \$	Furniture & fittings \$	Office equipment \$	Vehicles van \$	Musical instruments \$	Total \$
2024						
Cost						
Balance at 1.1.2024	3,541,112	313,820	485,163	67,946	35,336	4,443,377
Additions	—	—	6,729	35,086	28,000	69,815
Disposals	—	—	(3,794)	—	—	(3,794)
Balance at 31.12.2024	3,541,112	313,820	488,098	103,032	63,336	4,509,398
Accumulated depreciation						
Balance at 1.1.2024	1,221,809	310,989	350,388	67,500	34,645	1,985,331
Depreciation charge	70,822	617	43,563	6,294	4,687	125,983
Disposals	—	—	(3,794)	—	—	(3,794)
Balance at 31.12.2024	1,292,631	311,606	390,157	73,794	39,332	2,107,520
Net carrying value						
At 31.12.2024	2,248,481	2,214	97,941	29,238	24,004	2,401,878

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4. Property, plant and equipment (cont'd)

	Building \$	Furniture & fittings \$	Office equipment \$	Vehicles van \$	Musical instruments \$	Total \$
2023						
Cost						
Balance at 1.1.2023	3,541,112	314,866	516,332	67,946	37,874	4,478,130
Additions	–	3,089	51,483	–	–	54,572
Disposals	–	(4,135)	(82,652)	–	(2,538)	(89,325)
Balance at 31.12.2023	3,541,112	313,820	485,163	67,946	35,336	4,443,377
Accumulated depreciation						
Balance at 1.1.2023	1,150,987	314,828	388,869	64,824	36,457	1,955,965
Depreciation charge	70,822	296	44,106	2,676	726	118,626
Disposals	–	(4,135)	(82,587)	–	(2,538)	(89,260)
Balance at 31.12.2023	1,221,809	310,989	350,388	67,500	34,645	1,985,331
Net carrying value						
At 31.12.2023	2,319,303	2,831	134,775	446	691	2,458,046

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5. Leases**(a) Right-of-use asset**

	Office equipment	
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Cost		
At 1 January	44,411	31,923
Additions	–	44,411
Disposal	–	(31,923)
At 31 December	44,411	44,411
Accumulated depreciation		
At 1 January	8,008	23,027
Depreciation charge	8,737	8,532
Disposal	–	(23,551)
At 31 December	16,745	8,008
Carrying amount		
At 31 December	27,666	36,403

(b) Nature of the Church's leasing activities

The Church's only leasing activities is leasing office equipment with contractual term of 61 months (2023: 61 months) from non-related parties.

The maturity analysis of the lease liability is disclosed in Note 18(b).

Information about leases for which the Church is a lessee is presented below:

Amounts recognised in balance sheet

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
<u>Carrying amount of lease liability</u>		
Current	6,228	5,987
Non-current	26,904	33,196
	33,132	39,183

Amounts recognised in statement of comprehensive income

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Depreciation of right-of-use asset	8,737	8,532
Interest expense on lease liability	1,791	1,955
Gain on lease modification	–	3,704

Total cash outflows for leases amounted to \$7,842 (2023: \$7,661).

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5. Leases (cont'd)**(b) Nature of the Church's leasing activities (cont'd)**

Reconciliation of movements of liability to cash flows arising from financing activities:

	Lease liability	
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January	39,183	12,554
Changes from financing cash flows:		
- Repayments	(6,051)	(5,706)
- Interest paid	(1,791)	(1,955)
Non-cash changes:		
- Interest expense	1,791	1,955
- Additions	—	44,411
- Lease modification	—	(12,076)
Balance at 31 December	33,132	39,183

6. Sundry receivables

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Sundry debtors	2,238	10,995
Interest receivable	31,736	44,616
Prepayment	570	—
Sundry deposits	4,538	4,283
	39,082	59,894

7. Fixed deposits

The Church's fixed deposits bear interest ranging from 2.6% to 3.2% (2023: 1.1% to 3.8%) per annum. These fixed deposits will mature on varying dates within 12 months from the balance sheet date.

8. Sundry payables

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Sundry creditors	8,464	7,839
Accruals and other payables	105,272	103,427
Provision for unutilised leave	18,185	9,459
	131,921	120,725

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9. General Fund

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Balance at beginning of the financial year	1,377,218	1,115,186
Net surplus for the financial year	28,821	358,032
	1,406,039	1,473,218
Less: Transfer to Sinking Fund (Note 13)	(66,000)	(96,000)
Balance at end of the financial year	1,340,039	1,377,218

10. Yee Teck Peng Education Fund

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Balance at beginning of the financial year	13,805	14,205
Expenses for the financial year	(400)	(400)
Balance at end of the financial year	13,405	13,805

The purpose of this fund is to provide a bursary for the education of the Vicar's child/children.

11. Chapel Fund

The purpose of the fund is to support the Church's ministry to students in St. Andrew's Junior School.

12. Deferred Capital Donations

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Balance at beginning of the financial year	2,319,303	2,390,125
Amortisation for the financial year	(70,822)	(70,822)
Balance at end of the financial year	2,248,481	2,319,303

Property, plant and equipment purchased from funds specifically donated for are capitalised in the relevant property, plant and equipment account. The corresponding credits are reflected in the Deferred Capital Donations account and are amortised to the statement of comprehensive income over the estimated useful lives of the related assets to match the depreciation of the assets and expenses funded by such donations.

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13. Sinking Fund

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Balance at beginning of the financial year	646,270	586,767
Expenses for the financial year	(8,720)	(36,497)
Transfer from General Fund (Note 9)	66,000	96,000
Transfer from Development Fund (Note 14)	220,800	–
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Balance at end of the financial year	924,350	646,270
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This fund is set up to meet the cost of any major repairs, maintenance and replacement of the Church's properties and furniture & fixtures.

14. Development Fund

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Balance at beginning of the financial year	220,800	220,800
Transfer to Sinking Fund (Note 13)	(220,800)	–
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Balance at end of the financial year	–	220,800
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As the Ascension Kindergarten was transferred to Anglican Preschool Services Ltd with effect from 1 January 2022, the fund was redesignated and transferred to the Sinking Fund, which was approved by the Parochial Church Council on 17 March 2024.

15. Chaplaincy Fund

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Balance at beginning of the financial year	–	–
Receipts during the financial year	13,000	10,000
Expenses for the financial year (Note 3)	(13,000)	(10,000)
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Balance at end of the financial year	–	–
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This fund is set up to support the Church's chaplaincy work. The fund was used for all direct chaplaincy related expenses amounting to \$13,000 (2023: \$10,000) during the financial year.

16. Schools Chaplaincy Fund

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Balance at beginning of the financial year	2,861,760	3,457,735
Transfer to Mission Fund (Note 17)	–	(285,000)
Receipts during the financial year	–	1,670
Expenses for the financial year	–	(312,645)
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Balance at end of the financial year	2,861,760	2,861,760
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The purpose of the fund is to support the Church's schools chaplaincy work.

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17. Mission Fund

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Balance at beginning of the financial year	29,894	287,199
Transfer from Schools Chaplaincy Fund (Note 16)	–	285,000
Receipts during the financial year	16,725	89,365
Expenses for the financial year	(10,777)	(631,670)
Balance at end of the financial year	<u>35,842</u>	<u>29,894</u>

This fund is set up for the purpose to hold collection of donations received. All church giving and donation requests will be drawn from the Mission Fund.

18. Financial instruments**a) Categories of financial instruments**

Financial instruments as at balance sheet date are as follows:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
<i>Financial assets</i>		
At amortised cost	<u>5,163,365</u>	<u>5,139,058</u>
<i>Financial liabilities</i>		
At amortised cost	<u>146,868</u>	<u>150,449</u>

b) Financial risk management

The Church's activities expose it to minimal credit risk, interest rate risk and liquidity risk. The Church does not have any significant exposure to foreign exchange risk and price risk. Risk management is carried out under policies approved by the Parochial Church Council. The Parochial Church Council approves guidelines for overall risk management, as well as policies covering these specific areas.

Credit risk

The Church's exposure to credit risk arises primarily from cash and cash equivalents and sundry receivables (excluding prepayment).

The Church does not have any significant concentration of credit risk exposure as the cash and cash equivalents are placed with reputable banks.

The credit loss for sundry receivables (excluding prepayment) and cash and cash equivalents are immaterial as at 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023.

Interest rate risk

The Church is exposed to interest rate risk mainly through the impact of interest rate changes on its fixed deposits. The Church's fixed deposits bear interest ranging from 2.6% to 3.2% (2023: 1.1% to 3.8%) per annum. The Church has no interest-bearing liabilities.

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18. Financial instruments (cont'd)

b) Financial risk management (cont'd)

Liquidity risk

The Parochial Church Council exercises prudent liquidity and cash flow risk management policies and aims at maintaining an adequate level of liquidity and cash flow at all times.

The financial liabilities of the Church as presented in the balance sheet are due within twelve months from the balance sheet date and approximate the contracted undiscounted payment obligation except for the lease liability as follows.

	Within 1 year \$	1 to 5 years \$	Total \$
31.12.2024			
Lease liability	7,776	28,944	36,720
31.12.2023			
Lease liability	7,776	36,720	44,496

c) Fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities

The carrying amounts of the financial assets and liabilities at amortised cost (other than lease liability) recorded in the financial statements of the Church approximate their fair values due to short-term maturity of these financial instruments.

19. Fund management


The Church’s objectives when managing its funds are to safeguard and maintain adequate working capital to continue as a going concern through significant support in the form of offertories, donations and contributions. The Church’s capital comprises its funds as presented on the balance sheet. These objectives remain unchanged from the previous financial year.

20. Authorisation of financial statements

The financial statements of the Church for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Parochial Church Council dated 7 March 2025.



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