

FIVE LOAVES AND TWO FISH



TMC FUND RAISING DINNER
Orchard Hotel & 1 August 2008



TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

"Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Matthew 14: 15-21

Programme



Opening Address

Item by TMC Kindergarten

Grace before Dinner

History of TMC Video Presentation

TMC Ministries Video Presentation

Testimony by Angie Tan

Auction

Finale

Musical Performances by Serene Chew and Irene Ooi
throughout Dinner

Foreword



The inspiration for this dinner comes from the story of Jesus using a boy's five small loaves of bread and two small fish to feed a crowd of more than five thousand men, women and children (Matthew 14, Mark 6, Luke 9, and John 6). The principle is that when we exercise faith in a great God, the little we have will be multiplied to meet the needs of many.



This was the kind of faith that led our pioneers to set up Trinity Methodist Church in 1955, to purchase land at Serangoon Garden Way and raise a church building in 1963. It was a faith that led us to our growth as a church community and to minister to the wider community. It has led us to redevelop our premises to accommodate those who come to worship God and enlarge our capacity to serve others.

The organizers follow after the faith of those pioneers. They are trusting God to use their efforts to reduce the balance of the loans for the redevelopment. You have played a part in making this possible, and we thank you for joining us for this dinner.

May the Lord bless you for your kindness and your willingness to help us.

Rev Dianna Khoo

Pastor-In-Charge
Trinity Methodist Church

Rev Bernard Chao

Assistant Pastor
Trinity Methodist Church

Message



Dear friends,

Welcome to Trinity Methodist Church's Fund-raising Dinner. By your presence and support tonight, you have become a part of the TMC story. From our humble beginnings as a house church in Serangoon Gardens some 51 years ago, TMC has grown under God's providence.

Our theme for this church year, Outreach - His Commission, underlines an important aspect of church community. We are reminded to go forth and reach out to those who need God's love in our community and beyond. The opportunities God has given us are immense and the challenges not undaunting. How will we have enough resources of people, time and money to meet the needs of the community? We can only pray and persevere. This is why we have adopted the story of 5 loaves and 2 fish (Matthew 14:13-18), of how Jesus fed a multitude of 5000, as a declaration of our faith in our loving Father.

Tonight's event provides a platform for us to invite friends, colleagues, business associates and well wishers to become part of the continuing TMC story, a community of joyful believers worshipping God and reaching out in love to touch the people around them, giving hope and administering mercy just as our Lord did as an example for us.

I wish you a blessed evening of wonderful dining, warm fellowship and the joy of the Lord, as together we give thanks for His everlasting love.

Lim Khia Teck

Chairperson, LCEC
Trinity Methodist Church

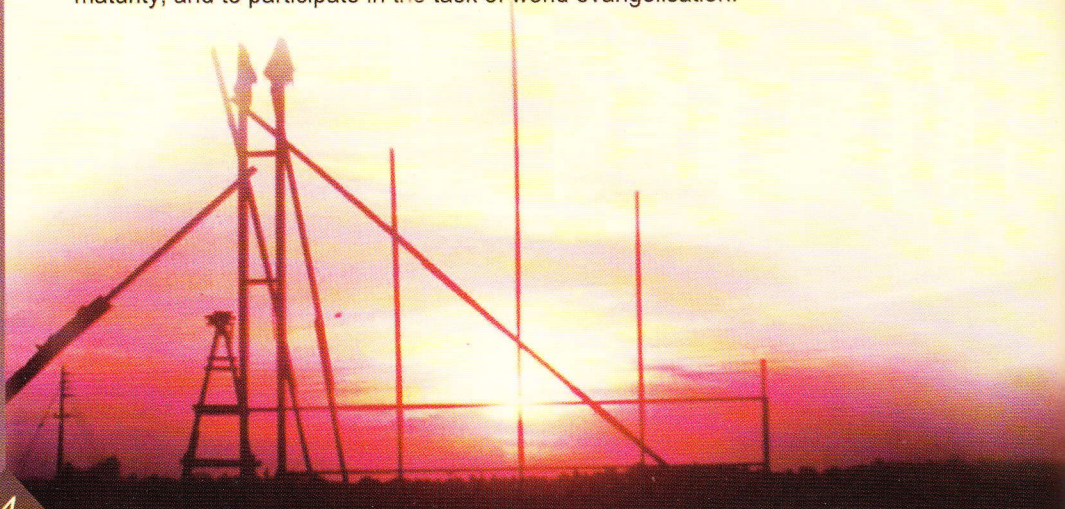
History of TMC



In 1956, a group of young married couples in Serangoon Gardens estate had a vision of starting a Methodist Church to serve this growing community - and so Trinity Methodist Church was born. The first Sunday service was held on 17 March 1957, and was conducted by TMC's first pastor, Rev Syn Wai Yin, at 85 Cowdray Avenue, the home of Mr and Mrs Tong Kum Toh. Then in 1963, the first TMC building at 34 Serangoon Garden Way was dedicated to God. The tent-like shape of the Sanctuary, which still remains today, was inspired by the revival meetings of the 1950s and 60s. Back then, the Sanctuary floor was untiled and uncarpeted, with no air-conditioning until 1989.

By the grace of God, TMC continued to grow over the years, from the original group of 28 pioneers to a current membership of about 800. To accommodate the growing congregation, the physical premises of the church were extended and redeveloped several times. In 2003, TMC embarked on its most extensive redevelopment yet - not only for the purpose of meeting the growing needs of its people but also to enable TMC to further its mission of reaching out to the unchurched in the vicinity. During the construction period, worship services were held at Paya Lebar Methodist Girls' Primary School. The redevelopment project was completed on 28 November 2005, and after a two-year sojourn in the wilderness, TMC finally moved back into its brand new building at 34 Serangoon Garden Way.

With great joy and thanksgiving to God for his faithfulness, TMC celebrated its 50th Anniversary in September 2006. A new church logo was commissioned, to represent TMC's three-fold mission - to share the love of Jesus with the community around us, to become a community of love and grace and build each other up to spiritual maturity, and to participate in the task of world evangelisation.

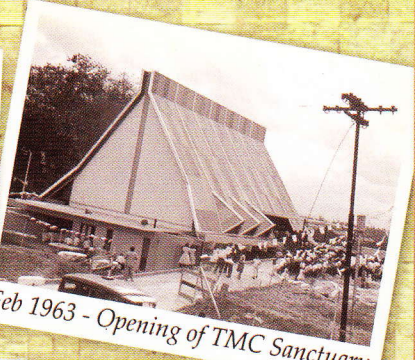




50's - Worshipping in members' homes



1961 - TMC Ground Breaking

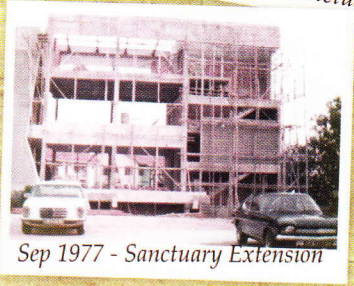


Feb 1963 - Opening of TMC Sanctuary

History



Worshipping in the former TMC Sanctuary



Sep 1977 - Sanctuary Extension



1985 - TEC Completed

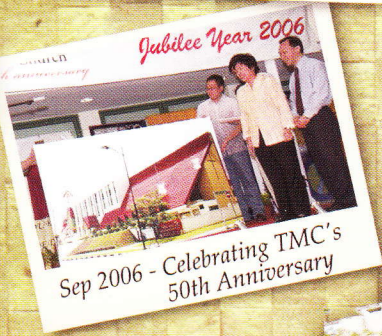


2003 - Redevelopment of TMC

Redevelopment



Worshipping in the new TMC Sanctuary



Sep 2006 - Celebrating TMC's 50th Anniversary



TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH
The Methodist Church In Singapore



Ministries



AREAS OF MINISTRY

DISCIPLESHIP AND NURTURE

This committee works with the pastors and lay ministry staff to organise programmes and courses to help Christians grow spiritually. The TMC Resource Centre also has a wide variety of books, CDs, VCDs, DVDs and CD-ROMs for all ages on different topics.

MISSIONS

TMC has adopted the Khmers of Cambodia as our unreached people group and supports several missionaries and a local church in Phnom Penh. Through regular mission trips and the vacation - with - a - purpose programme, the Missions committee seeks to raise awareness about how members can be involved in these areas of ministry.

WITNESS & EVANGELISM

This Committee organises events where the gospel of Christ is shared in a winsome manner as well as trains members to share their faith.

PRAYER & INTERCESSION

The intercessory prayer committee rallies the church to pray for both corporate and individual needs. Through meetings as well as an email network, the prayer and intercession committee mobilises people to pray.

OUTREACH & SOCIAL CONCERNS

This committee drives TMC's efforts to meet the social, financial, educational and spiritual needs of people in society such as needy families, underprivileged children and the mentally ill.

SMALL GROUPS

All members are encouraged to be part of a small group for spiritual growth and nourishment. The Small Groups Ministry co-ordinates and assists small groups in their formation, development and growth. There are currently about 30 small groups in TMC, representing almost half of the church congregation.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

The Worship and Music Committee supports the pastoral team in the Sunday worship services. The Committee assists worshippers to better understand the meaning, purposes and practices of worship and promotes a deeper understanding of worship through the use of visual and dramatic arts.

CHINESE MINISTRY

The Mandarin Service is held every Sunday at 11am in the Sanctuary. There are also Small Group sessions every Thursday for members to learn the Word and build deeper fellowship.

AGE-GROUP MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CM aims to ground each child in the foundations of the Christian faith through Sunday classes for pre-school through to Primary 6 children.

YOUTH MINISTRY

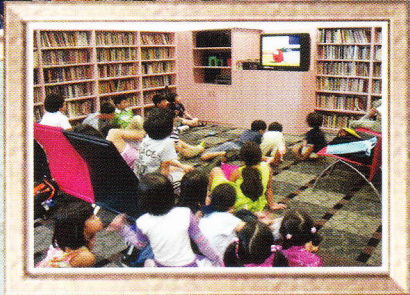
The Youth Ministry's vision is to see TMC youth grow into God-loving disciples who carry on the disciple-making process. Youths meet on Sundays at 9am for lessons and workshops as well as games and activities. Youth can also join small groups which meet on other days for bible study and sharing.

SENIORS' MINISTRY

The Senior's Ministry encourages caring, sharing and mutual support among seniors so that all may grow in spiritual maturity together. There are regular fellowship meetings and occasional outings.

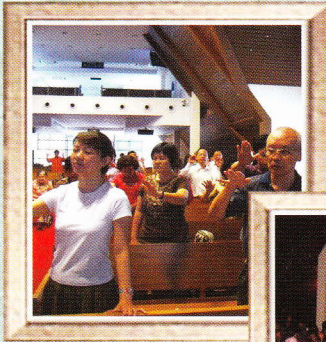
Missions

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Seniors' Ministry

MISSIONS

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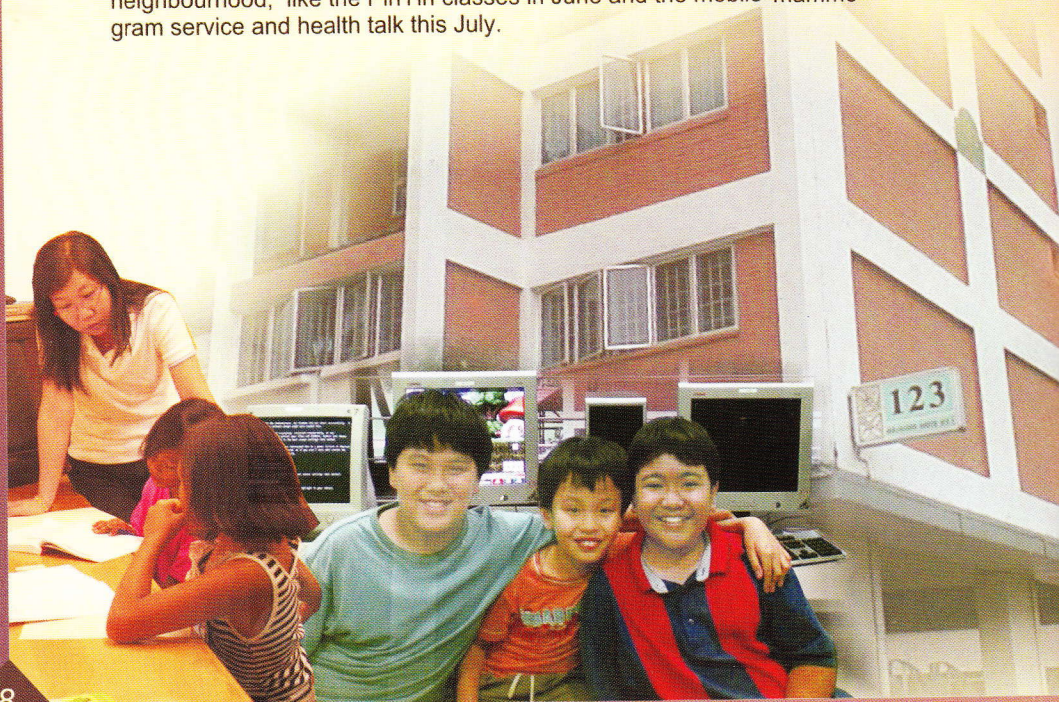
This is an IT Centre situated at the void deck of Block 123 in Serangoon North Avenue 1. TMC has just started to help the Serangoon CCC to run this Centre.

There are two rooms equipped with PCs for members and visitors who need access to internet or IT services at reasonable fees. The Centre is manned by a crew of volunteers and is currently opened on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 6pm.

The Centre aims to help reduce the "digital divide" by making IT services available to the heartlands and also to encourage residents to learn and use technology. As it caters to both the youth and adults, it is hoped that this would be a place where the different generations can connect and relate to one another. Soon we will be conducting IT talks and courses like basic computing skills and Microsoft Office suite.

Besides providing IT services, we also have a "Homework Help" service to help the children who visit the Centre with their homework.

Whenever possible, the Centre will also bring other services to the neighbourhood, like the PinYin classes in June and the mobile mammogram service and health talk this July.



Ministries



ORGANISATIONS

KINDERGARTEN

The TMC Kindergarten is an MOE-approved kindergarten whose aim is to nurture pre-schoolers in every aspect of their development by providing a stimulating, safe and happy learning environment with an emphasis on the Christian faith.

THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE (WSCS)

The WSCS aims to help women grow in their knowledge and experience of God, as well as challenge them to respond to God's love in various forms of ministry. There are regular bible studies, handicraft sessions and fellowship meetings. The women serve the church at large by visiting the homebound and serving food on Sundays.

BOYS' BRIGADE

The Boys' Brigade 47th Company is a joint effort between Serangoon Garden Secondary School, the Boys' Brigade and volunteers from TMC to teach and train boys into Christian manhood. As with the Girls' Brigade, TMC is involved in the weekly parades, running camps and befriending the youths.

GIRLS' BRIGADE

The Girls' Brigade 55th Company is a joint effort between Serangoon Garden Secondary School, the Girls' Brigade and volunteers from TMC to teach and train girls into Christian womanhood.



Boys' Brigade



Girls' Brigade



WSCS



Kindergarten



Heartfelt Thanks..



The theme of "5 Loaves and 2 Fish" captured in essence how God worked in this dinner. Throughout the organisation of this dinner, we saw God's hands multiplying the little we bring to Him. It was a wonderful journey of faith. God is faithful and always working in ways we cannot see. Whenever things seemed to be heading nowhere, His hands were always guiding the rudder and showing the way forward.

TMC and the Fund Raising Dinner Committee wish to thank everyone who has come forward to purchase tables, sponsored gifts, given donations and supported TMC one way or another. Your efforts will help TMC pay for the church building and continue to achieve its objectives of connecting to and serving our community.

Throughout this journey, I was blessed and honoured to have worked alongside many fellow labourers, many of whom made great personal sacrifices of time, money and efforts. Below is an attempt to list the names of these fellow labourers, many of whom helped in more than one area. This list is not exhaustive. If anyone is missed out, it is my fault alone and due entirely to my poor memory. Please accept my apologies. Thank you for your partnership.

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Yu Yong Horng

Thank you and God Bless!

Albert Yeo

Fund Raising Dinner Committee Chairperson

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Praise God From Him All Blessings Flow;

Praise Him All Creatures Here Below;

Praise Him Above Ye Heavenly Host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

AMEN

From:

Nguk Fui and Irene Chin

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