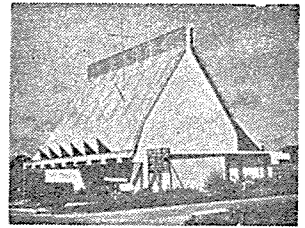


# Newsletter

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### THE CHURCHES' COUNSELLING CENTRE

Housed in converted servants' quarters behind the old manse at Wesley Church, the Churches' Counselling Centre is one of the most exciting and valuable experiments in Christian service and mission attempted in recent years. Since it began in 1967, first as a pilot project of Wesley and St. Andrew's Cathedral and later under the Council of Churches umbrella, it has become a vital expression of the caring ministry of the Church.

Few people seem to know of this important resource for the lost and troubled or to be aware of the many-sided inspiration of its work. With Dr. Gunnar Teilmann as its founder-Director, it has been enormously enriched by the professional expertise of a succession of short-term Clinical Directors from the churches in the U.S.A., who have supervised its work through its developing years. Dr. Teilmann is himself a trained Pastoral Counsellor and his energetic and dedicated leadership has spear-headed other helping services.

The Counselling Centre lies behind the establishment of the Samaritans (S.O.S.), whose telephone number 96544 has been a life-saving link for thousands of despairing citizens in Singapore, and its staff continues to train Samaritan volunteers. The new face-to-face advice organisation HELP in Toa Payoh is another of its 'children'. It has been intimately involved in founding and maintaining the Singapore Association for Mental Health, the Oasis Club and, more recently, in the Preparation for Marriage course now being carried out as a pilot scheme in Serangoon Gardens.

Besides its own counselling programme, the Centre provides supervised clinical training for Trinity College students and runs parttime course for the continuing education of serving pastors etc. This month two local graduates join its fulltime staff.

Personally, I can think of few pieces of Christian ministry more worthy of our support as a congregation or as individuals.

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OUR TRINITY FAMILY \*\*\*

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NEW ARRIVALS To Mr & Mrs Quek Yuen Hong of 3-H Jalan Jintan (9)  
on 12 April, a daughter, Karen Chia-huei.  
To Mr & Mrs Bernard Tan of 27-A Yong Siak Street (3)  
on 1 May, a daughter Aileen Ai Lian.

INFANT BAPTISM On Pentecost Sunday, 21 May, Melanie Mei Na, daughter  
of Robert & Lorraine Lim of 39 Jalan Kelulut (28)  
born 28 December 1971.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY CHANGES

Address: Mrs TAN KHE TONG, 17 Seraga Road (28).  
Name: Madam Linda Chen (Mrs David Wee)  
c/o 4-B Jalan Teck Kee (19).  
Phone: Mrs Harriet CHUA Tel: 87285  
Mrs Rosalind QUEK Tel: 376431

REV CHEW HOCK HIN underwent a successful eye operation at the Eye  
Hospital on 23 May. We thank God for the new sight  
he has been given. Rev & Mrs Chew thank all their  
friends for prayers and remembrances.

TAE KWON DO GROUP The Official Board and members of the church  
warmly thank the members of the Tae Kwon Do group  
who gave voluntary service to instal additional  
lighting to the concrete area beside the church.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY We shall hold our Church Anniversary Thanksgiving  
Service on 17 September, preceded by a Dinner on  
Saturday 16 September. Please book these dates now  
in your diary.

MISSIONS SUNDAY is 25 June. We shall be holding a special Missions  
Dinner on Friday 14 July.

NEW ARRIVALS To Mr & Mrs Khoo Cheok Sin of 26 De Dilva Lane (19)  
on 8 May, a son, Chen Hsiung.

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W.S.C.S. SUNDAY \*\*  
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It was 'rest day', or rather 'rest hour' for the pastor when the ladies of Trinity W.S.C.S. took over the conducting of the entire morning service on 14 May. The speaker was Mrs Rosie Leong, a former active member of our church who is at present our W.S.C.S. Conference Vice-President.

Immediately after the service, the congregation proceeded down to the church basement where they were confronted with an array of delicious food. Among them were such inviting varieties as an Indonesian curry, laksa, kueh paiti, putu mayam and many other mouth-watering, home-cooked specialities which the ladies had so generously contributed.

Money flowed freely out of pockets and purses of members and friends as they moved around patronising the different stalls - very often hesitating as to what to buy as each item looked just as tempting as the next. There were also some stalls at the main entrance of the church.

It didn't take long before the first stall-holder cried, "SOLD OUT!" This was soon followed by another stall, and yet another, until every item was completely sold out. Many who were just a second late had to be disappointedly turned away, and some members were heard to remark that they had had more than their money's worth.

Food and fellowship aside, it had to be noted that behind all the fuss and fun was the common aim that we should as Christians do our bit to help others in need. The proceeds of \$400 will go to  
1) Toa Payoh Project 2) Sengoi Literacy Programme 3) Chen Su Lan Children's Home 4) medical clinic at Sitiawan.

The sale was a tremendous success, thanks to the ladies who donated the food or cash, to the ladies AND gentlemen who so kindly rendered their services at the sale and to all who patronised the stalls. Finally, a word of thanks to Mrs Rosie Leong for bringing the message of the day.

- 1 Thur. 7.45 p.m. M.A.F. film at Cultural Centre: 'The Slender Thread' in aid of Churches' Counselling Centre.
- 2 Fri. 8.00 p.m. CHOIR PRACTICE  
9.00 p.m. COMMITTEE ON MUSIC & WORSHIP
- 3 Sat. 3.30 p.m. BOYS' BRIGADE PARADE
- 4 SUN. 8.45 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL & MEMBERSHIP CLASS  
10.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE - The Pastor  
11.05 a.m. CHOIR PRACTICE  
3.30 p.m. M.Y.F. MEETING  
5.30 p.m. HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE - The Pastor
- 5 Mon. 8.00 p.m. FUTURE PLANS COMMITTEE - 20, Taman Serangoon
- 6 Tue. 5.30 p.m. DIST. EVANGELISM TRAINING SUB-COMM. (Wesley Ch.)
- 7 Wed. 8.00 p.m. WEDNESDAY CLASS at Manse
- 8 Thur. 5.30 p.m. PASTOR VISITS in DRIVES I Parish
- 9 Fri. 4.30 p.m. M.Y.F. Retreat - MYFers leave church  
8.00 p.m. CHOIR PRACTICE
- 10 Sat. 3.30 p.m. BOYS' BRIGADE PARADE  
5.00 p.m. MONTHLY PARISH MEETING at 168-L Block 116 Lorong 2, Toa Payoh - home of Mr & Mrs Vincent Chia
- 11 SUN. 8.45 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL & MEMBERSHIP CLASS  
10.00 a.m. SERVICE OF WORSHIP - The Pastor  
11.05 a.m. CHOIR PRACTICE  
12.00 Noon WORSHIP SERVICE at Woodbridge Hospital  
3.30 p.m. M.Y.F. MEETING  
5.30 p.m. SERVICE OF WORSHIP - The Pastor  
6.00 p.m. M.Y.F. Retreat ends
- 12 Mon. DISTRICT M.Y.F. LEADERSHIP COURSE begins (Wesley  
5.30 p.m. DISTRICT COMMISSION ON SOCIAL CONCERNS  
(Wesley Basement).
- 14 Wed. 8.00 p.m. WEDNESDAY CLASS at Manse.

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- 15 Thur. 5.30 p.m. PASTOR VISITS CITY I Parish
- 16 Fri. 8.00 p.m. CHOIR PRACTICE
- 17 Sat. 3.30 p.m. BOYS' BRIGADE PARADE  
8.00 p.m. M.Y.F. 'TALENTIME' at Trinity Church
- 18 SUN. 8.45 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL & MEMBERSHIP CLASS  
10.00 a.m. SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
11.05 a.m. CHOIR PRACTICE  
11.15 a.m. OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING  
5.30 p.m. SERVICE OF WORSHIP
- 21 Wed. 8.00 p.m. WEDNESDAY CLASS at Manse
- 22 Thur. 5.30 p.m. PASTOR VISITS SELETAR Parish
- 23 Fri. 8.00 p.m. CHOIR PRACTICE
- 24 Sat. 3.00 p.m. DISTRICT WORKSHOP ON WORSHIP arranged by  
District Comm. of Christian Education at  
Kampong Kapor Methodist Church.  
3.30 p.m. BOYS' BRIGADE PARADE
- 25 SUN. MISSIONS SUNDAY  
8.45 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL & MEMBERSHIP CLASS  
10.00 a.m. SERVICE OF WORSHIP - Mr Andrew Lee  
11.05 a.m. CHOIR PRACTICE  
12.00 Noon WORSHIP SERVICE at Woodbridge Hospital  
DISTRICT WORKSHOP ON WORSHIP at Kampong Kapor  
3.30 p.m. M.Y.F. MEETING. M.C.  
5.30 p.m. SERVICE OF WORSHIP - Mr Lam Yet Seng
- 26 Mon. 8.00 p.m. ALAN WALKER PREACHING MISSION - Counsellors  
Get-Together  
Wesley Church; Speaker - Rev. C.H. Smith
- h) 28 Wed. 8.00 p.m. WEDNESDAY CLASS in Manse
- 30 Fri. 5.30 p.m. PASTOR VISITS DRIVES I Parish  
8.00 p.m. CHOIR PRACTICE.

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METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP \*\*\*  
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On 7 May, the President awaited the arrival of the MYFers but only a few turned up. Most of them were at home buried under layers of books - exams were near! So it was decided that the small group should go to Changi beach for a change of atmosphere and to relax.

The M.Y.F. meeting on the 14th was a quiet one as expected. The few who came had thought it wiser to take a breather. Brother David, who planned the meeting, thought so too and had planned an easy and relaxing programme. Indeed, they had to play Scrabble and spent some time cracking their heads thinking what were the words that they had learnt all those years at school.

By the 21st, most of the MYFers had finished their exams and attendance was again up to normal. It was still a week of games since no one had had time to prepare a serious one. They had a funny game called "How & Why?" and some other active indoor games. Their happiness could be compared to that of a caged bird who had escaped.

The M.Y.F. is holding a Retreat during school holidays, 9-11 June. The charge is \$1 per head for the three days. Those going are to leave the church by 4.30 p.m. on Friday and return on Sunday at 6 p.m. We shall be holding our 'Talentime' at 8 p.m. on Saturday 17 June.

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DISTRICT WORKSHOP ON WORSHIP \*\*\*\*  
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The District Commission on Christian Education is organising a  
WORKSHOP ON WORSHIP  
at Kampong Kapor Methodist Church  
on Saturday 24 June, 3-6 p.m.  
and  
Sunday 25 June, Noon-5.30 p.m.

Members of the Committee on Music & Worship, and all members and friends are invited to participate.



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 FROM THE PLEDGE TREASURER  
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Mr Chu Pau Shiong, our Pledge Treasurer, reports that at the end of the first half of the Conference Year on 30 April he had received \$7,298 in pledged gifts, slightly less than half of our target for the year which was \$15,000.

At the last Annual Conference, it was decided that the Financial Year for the Methodist Church should end on 30 September (formerly 31 October). Thus the current financial year will include only eleven months.

For the successful maintenance of our church's life and witness, and if we are going to fulfil our promise of \$10,000 to the Toa Payoh project, it is important that we raise by 30 September the total sum budgetted for a full twelve months.

We appeal therefore to all who have pledged this year to increase their monthly giving by 25% over the next four months, if they are able to do so. In this way we shall avoid any short-fall in our budgetted income, and be able to start the new Conference Year with no outstanding liabilities.

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE.....

pledges received in May totalling \$1,353  
 and special gifts from the following:  
 Anon.(\$5) Ernest & Anne Tan (\$20) Mr & Mrs Sunny Tay (\$5)  
 Dr & Mrs Alan Tay (\$10). In memory of the late Loh Feng Seah,  
 from Lawrence & Catherine (\$100) from Miss Teo Chin Luan (\$20) from  
 Anon (\$10) Miss Mercy Rajah (\$10) Madam Lau Buong Yu (\$200)  
 Mrs Chia Chye Koon (\$24 for building fund) S.L. Tong (\$10).  
 C.C.M.S. 'Care & Concern' gifts from:  
 Mr & Mrs Francis Lee (\$5) Mr Lee Kong Boon (\$10) Mrs Tan  
 Beng Guan (\$10) Mr & Mrs Wei Chong Seng (\$5).

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THE ALAN WALKER PREACHING MISSION - August 3, 4 & 5 at Singapore  
\*\*\*\*\* Conference Hall

Active preparations are going ahead in the Singapore District for the visit of well-known Australian Methodist leader and evangelist Alan Walker, who will be the guest preacher at State-wide services to be held at the Singapore Conference Hall at 8 p.m. each evening, 3 - 5 August. He will also preach at a Youth Rally on Saturday afternoon 5 August.

We hope all our members and friends will arrange to attend at least one of these meetings, and take their non-Christian friends to hear the Gospel message. Nobody should miss this opportunity of hearing one of the outstanding preachers of World Methodism.

The Trinity Church choir will combine with the choir of Paya Lebar Methodist Church in leading the singing on Friday, 4 August.

We need counsellors to talk and pray with those who commit themselves for the first time to Jesus Christ during these meetings. Some of you have already had some course of instruction in evangelistic counselling, and all who have offered their lives to the Lord, both young and old, can share this vital ministry.

Training classes under an experienced leader will be held at Paya Lebar Methodist Church on four Monday nights, 3 July - 24 July at 8 p.m. so that we can equip ourselves for service and witness. Nothing is needed but a desire to help others discover for themselves the Lord we love. Please give your name to the Pastor or to Mrs Patricia Chia, Chairman of the Committee on Membership & Evangelism.

There will be a combined introductory meeting at Wesley Church before these classes start, on Monday 26 June at 8 p.m., and a Service of Dedication at the close of the course on Wednesday 2nd August, when Dr. Walker will speak.

We want our church to be totally involved in this Mission to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.