



TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH  
34 Serangoon Garden Way, S-19.

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REV. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH'S FAREWELL MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this, the Smith Family will have left Singapore for U.K. where Mr. Smith will be taking up a new pastoral appointment at the Beddington Gardens Methodist Church, Wallington, Surrey from September 1st. The church is part of the Sutton Circuit on the Southern outskirts of London and I shall have charge of two congregations - one, with about a hundred members and the other with some 350 members. There are eight ministers in the circuit.

It seems strange, after some 27 years with the Methodist Missionary Society ( more than 20 of which have been spent in Singapore ), to be preparing for new work in a new country - even though it is our own.

For Singapore has truly become our home and you are numbered among our many dear friends here. It feels as though a little part of us is dying, as we take our leave; but it has always been a part of Christian faith that we have to die before we can live again - and it is in this hope that we look forward to the new paths, to ways unimagined and unknown, that lies ahead of us.

We look back over the 4½ years we have been at Trinity, remembering also the years we spent together when I was still teaching at Trinity Theological College and the church was still an infant congregation worshipping at Cowdray Avenue and in St. Peter's Church. We are very conscious of the things we have not done - the visits we have not made, the outreach projects dreamed about but not yet fulfilled, the training programmes needed but not organised, the worship experiments envisaged but never carried through. We think of the hopes we had, when we first came out to Serangoon Gardens, that it might be possible for the church to become a centre and a catalyst for different kinds of community activities, not just for Methodists or even for Christians, a sort

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of 'heart' beating in the life of Serangoon Gardens. But perhaps we are too much a commuter-suburb for this to have been a realistic hope. We need to ask your forgiveness for all our failings and inadequacies and omissions; we have been insensitive to your needs so often, and sometimes superficial in our dealings with you because we did not really understand or because we just did not know.

At the same time, we are deeply grateful for the friendship, loyalty and caring support which you have offered to us throughout this time. With some of you, close friendship goes back many years - others we have got to know much more recently; but it has been a privilege and joy to be with you, and we shall miss you very much. You have enriched our lives and undergirded our ministry in a thousand different ways.

Thank you, dear friends for the above and for the very happy evening on 20th. June in which you expressed so generously your affection and goodwill.

There are wonderful opportunities for growth and development right in front of Trinity Church. Do not forget ( while there is still time to do something significant ) the challenge of Ang Mo Kio; don't forget the need to build up our fellowship with a programme of lay visitation; support the young people in " The Open Door " so long as the Coffee House seems to be performing a valuable function ( it does not need to be spectacular to be important! ); listen to the appeal for more Sunday School teachers - you may be able to help there, even though you are not a trained teacher ( Sunday Schools need faithful, committed, mature Christian men and women much more than they need expert 'professionals' ). Nobody needs to say, " There is no need for me ".

You will forgive me if I single out for special gratitude a few of those who have been leaders, Catherine and Lawrence Pang, Peter & Daisy Lai, Andrew & Poh Lin, Chiong Hiok, Patricia Chia, Chin Jin & Swee Kiok, Keng Hian & Nancy, the Gwees, the E.K. Khoos, Park Ming, Violet Tan, Tong Hong, Violet Khor and faithful Poh Siong. There are too many to name- and perhaps I would have been wiser not to try!

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Finally, let me urge you to do everything you can to build up and preserve the strong ties of mutual love and service in the fellowship. " Dear friends, let us love one another, for love is of God....." Pray for us in our new work, as we shall pray for you. Help Rev. & Mrs. Denver Stone and the family to feel at home among you as you did for us. Remember to support and encourage those who are weak in faith; build each other up, don't tear each other down. And may the God of Peace be always with you.

Ever yours in Christ,

Signed: Christopher H. Smith.

Note:-

Our London address is:- Parkwood,  
Hall Road, Wallington, SURREY,  
United Kingdom.  
Tel. No. 01-647-1550.

We are only half-an-hour from Victoria Station.

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GOODBYE

Our paths in life must now divide.  
Our separate ways we go. A new  
road you must travel, but I'm  
wanting you to know - I wish you  
all the good fortune in the years  
that are to be - And thank you for  
all the happiness that you have  
given me.

We've been the best of friends  
and many lovely times we've had -  
and now we've got to make the  
break. But let's not be too sad.  
We've got this happy memory that  
always will remain. And some day  
in the future..... Well - perhaps  
we'll meet again.

Patience Strong.

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TRINITY FAMILY NEWS

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ADULT BAPTISMS.

We welcome the following who were baptised on Sunday, 29 June by Rev. C.H. Smith:-

Misses Joyce Loh Mun Ying, Lim Sing Ee & Mr. Tan Khe Tong

CONFIRMATIONS.

We praise God that the following have been confirmed into full membership of Trinity Methodist Church on 29/6/1975.

Mr. Tan Khe Tong - 17, Saraca Road, (28)  
Miss Joyce Loh Mun Ying - 17, Brighton Crescent, (19)  
Miss Lim Sing Ee - 27-6 Boundary Road (19)  
Mr. Keith Khoo Hoe Peng 27, Cotswold Close (13)  
Miss Yip Lai Cheng - 43, Chiselhurst Grove (19)

CONGRATULATIONS

to LEE CHEONG SENG and SHARON TAY BOON SIEW who were married on 21st. June 1975.

to TAN GEAN HONG and KATHLEEN GAN who were married on 28, June 1975.

Rev. Christopher H. Smith officiated at Both the above WEDDINGS. Let us continue to PRAY for the NEWLYWEDS!

ENGAGED!

Rev. C.H. Smith officiated on the occasion of the engagement of one of our organists, Miss Maureen Tan to Mr. Richard Fong, a leading laymen of the Kampong Kapor Methodist Church on 14th. June, 1975

CHANGES OF ADDRESSES

The New addresses of members are listed below:-

Mr. & Mrs. Chan Chong Hiok - 53, Scout Rallos,  
Quezon City 3008, PHILIPPINES.  
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Lai - 112, Thomson Green (19)  
Tel. No. 54844.  
Mrs. Nancy Tan Mui Ling - 34, Lichfield Road, (19)  
Mr. & Mrs. Tan Tiam Guan - 727-N, Blk.215, Lor.8 Toa Payoh

GOODBYES

We shall miss the following friends who have just left or are soon leaving Singapore.

Mrs. Val Ridley who has been very active at TMC during her tour of duty with the ANZUK forces here. She is returning to New Zealand this month.

Miss Grace Lee leaves shortly for Australia for further training. ( Details not received yet.)

Rev. & Mrs. C.H. Smith, the children David, Richard and Catherine were sent off at the Airport by many friends and members of the Church on 3rd. July.

Mr. Paul George has now been transferred to the membership of the new Sungei Way-Subang Methodist Church, Selangor.

HOMECOMING

It was really nice to see Mr. Ong Chye Huat and Miss Eunice Hardy back on holiday and they both attended the farewell party to the Smith Family. They are working in Brunei.

DRAMA IN CHURCH

By courtesy of the Campus Crusade for Christ, Miss Linda Goebel presented the story of her life in dramatic form at the Evening Service on 29th. June., telling of a young person's search for a meaning in her life and vividly portrayed as a dramatic monologue, it formed a telling testimony of the change Christ makes when we let HIM into His proper, Central place in our lives.

DAWNBREAKERS' VISIT

We were happy to welcome the DAWNBREAKERS' Choir from Wesley Church to our Morning Worship Service on 29th. June. We thank them for praising the Lord with their beautiful singing.

NEW PASTOR of TMC STARTS on AUGUST 1st.

Rev. & Mrs. Denver Stone will commence their ministry officially on August 1st. Rev. Stone is at present the Pastor-in-charge of the new Sungei Way-Subang Methodist Church.

APPEAL TO PLEDGERS of TMC

This fiscal year 1974/75 of our Church Conference end on 31st. July 1975. Members and friends of our Church who have made pledges are requested to fulfill their commitments before the above date.

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LETTER from Choy Yin Loy to the SMITHS.

Dear Rev. & Mrs. Smith,

Hope everything's well with you and your family! I gathered that you'll be leaving Trinity and I'm sure you will all be sadly missed. Wishing you all the best in your future ventures.

I'm fine here in Melbourne and had been rather busy lately. Have just come back from a really unforgettable holiday in New Zealand. The country has such indescribable beauty of colourful scenery and landscape. We had ski-plane rides over the glaciers, the snow fields, the sands and Mount Cook. I would love to visit New Zealand again in winter. Was rather fortunate to have friends and classmates there. They're all doctors in Auckland and Greenlane hospitals. Before I left Auckland, we had a " Satay " party.

In December last year, Daisy and Peter Lai and some of my mother's colleagues came to Melbourne for their holidays. Was therefore thrilled to see people from home. I intend to stay in Melbourne to work after I finish and perhaps go to U.K. for a holiday or to do a post-graduate course. In the meantime I have to concentrate on my 3rd. year exams in Gynaecology, Ear Nose and Throat and Opthmology, the finals will be in December. So, it won't be too long before I see everyone again, this time next year.

On Sundays, I attend Wesley Methodist Church but not as regularly as I used to when I was back home. Rev. Arthur Preston and Rev. Brian Heath give very inspiring sermons. I started joining the choir but has discontinued.

Well, I think I better catch 40 winks now as I'm doing night duty.

All good wishes to you and everyone at home.

Sincerely,

Yin Loy.

TRINITY FAMILY NEWS continued -

OUR WSCS invites all the ladies of the Trinity Congregations to keep Saturday 19th. July free!

A " Get-to-know each other " in FELLOWSHIP with neighbouring Ladies' Groups will be held on the 19th. at 4.00 p.m. at our Church Basement. We have invited the WSCS's of Paya Lebar, Toa Payoh, Pentecost and Christ Methodist churches and also the Ladies' Group from St. Peter's Anglican Church to join us. We hope that all the LADIES OF OUR OWN CHURCH will join with us to welcome the ladies who are expected from the above mentioned churches. FELLOWSHIP - EXCHANGE of IDEAS, AIMS and VIEWS as Sisters-in-Christ.

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WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE -

The following gifts to the Church Extension Fund.

W.S.C.S.	-	\$1,000/-
Mr. & Mrs. Pang Kia Seng	-	\$500/-
Mrs. Lee Choon Guan	-	\$500/-
Miss Ho Lek Cheng	-	\$500/-
Mr. C. W. Ng	-	\$70/-
Mr. & Mrs. Khoo Oon Hoe	-	\$50/-
Mr. Tony C. K. Chan	-	\$35/-
Mr. Koh Tiong Tat	-	\$25/-
(in Memory of the Late Mr. Koh Seck Geok).		
Mrs. T. Row	-	\$20/-
Mr. Tan Hoay Djin	-	\$20/-
Mrs. Susie Lee	-	\$10/-

The following are THANKSGIVING gifts to the Church from:-

Mrs. S.M. Thevathanan	\$10/-
Mrs. Lee Eng Hoe	\$20/-

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JULY, 1975.

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- 6 SUN 8.45 a.m. Sunday School.  
10.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE - Rev. D. Stone.  
11.15 a.m. WSCS " JOY STALL " Sale of Food.  
" " Choir Practice  
3.30 p.m. MYF MEETING -  
5.30 p.m. EVENING COMMUNION SERVICE - D. Stone.
- 12 SAT 8.00 p.m. "THE OPEN DOOR" Coffee House till 10.30 pm.
- 13 SUN 8.45 a.m. Sunday School  
10.00 a.m. SERVICE of WORSHIP - Dr. G. Teilman Jr.  
11.15 a.m. Choir Practice - New members Invited!  
12.00 Noon WOODBRIDGE HOSPITAL SERVICE.  
3.30 p.m. MYF MEETING -  
5.30 p.m. EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE - Mr. Lam Yet Seng
- 19 SAT 4.00 p.m. WSCS SOCIAL - Cordial Invitation extended  
to ALL ladies.  
8.00 p.m. "THE OPEN DOOR" Coffee House till 10.30 pm.
- 20 SUN 8.45 a.m. Sunday School  
10.00 a.m. SERVICE of WORSHIP - Dr. George Wan  
11.15 a.m. L.C.E.C. MEETING  
" " Choir Practice  
3.30 p.m. MYF MEETING -  
5.30 p.m. EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE - Rev. Sam Goh
- 26 SAT 8.00 p.m. "THE OPEN DOOR" Coffee House till 10.30 pm.
- 27 SUN 8.45 p.m. Sunday School  
10.00 a.m. SERVICE of WORSHIP - Mr. Andrew Lee  
11.15 a.m. Choir Practice  
12.00 Noon WOODBRIDGE HOSPITAL SERVICE  
3.30 p.m. MYF MEETING\*  
5.30 p.m. EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE - Mr. Victor Goh

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