

# NAMED Celebrates 10 Years of

## Fellowship!



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IT TURNS 10 THIS YEAR.

NAMED, one of the small groups in TMC, celebrates a major milestone with relationships within the group growing from strength to strength. Members of this small group have seen each other through different seasons since their school days.

“10 years in the making, NAMED is one of the longest-standing young adult small groups in TMC. United in faith, bonded in spirit, we meet regularly to share and grow in our faith. A common love for God brings us together. Through the different seasons, we lean on each other and upon God’s strength,” said Charmaine Ong, who works in marketing.

One of the major highlights witnessed by NAMED throughout the years is the development of a culture of openness.

“It’s been amazing to look back and witness God’s goodness through the years. He’s deepened our level of sharing, and used us to encourage one another on. Each small group meeting is an honest and open time of sharing of our hopes, dreams and struggles, and as small group leader I’ve been blessed and encouraged richly by our time each week,” said Eugenia Koh who’s from the communications industry.

The group also prides itself on dealing with the real issues of living out one’s faith in the midst of a post-modern and secular world. Being in the media and marketing fields has exposed members of the group to many influences and different approaches to life as many of

them come into contact with a spectrum of individuals. Small group meetings cover discussions around many secular issues and the struggles with them.

To commemorate its 10th anniversary, NAMED will be holding a series of celebration events throughout the year. Those interested in finding out more and attending one of these sessions can RSVP at [eugeniakoh@yahoo.com.sg](mailto:eugeniakoh@yahoo.com.sg). Seats are unlimited but hurry now and make your bookings if you are keen!

### About Named:

Started in 2002, NAMED consists of a group of 4 young women who meet weekly for a time of bible study and prayer. With most of the group being in the field of marketing and communications, they balance each week the demanding hours of their dynamic jobs with small group meetings.

As such, fellowship meetings have taken them from church to various cafes around Singapore. Small group meeting days vary from either one of the week nights to Saturday brunch meetings. While it doesn’t have a fixed meeting day or place, the group still manages to meet regularly.

The group is also unconventional in that it is not particularly fussed about having a group name. It is currently called NAMED as group members were told that it had to be named for listing in the church’s directory!

**“Meeting each week keeps me grounded. It reminds me of my purpose as a child of God. Through the support and encouragement, I am refreshed each week with a renewed spirit.”**

Charmaine Ong,  
Marketing



## HEARD ON THE STREET

**“Through these 10 years, our small group has evolved along with our personal lives. It’s seen us through the different stages of our lives – from JC to uni days, and even as we each enter the workforce now, always forming that constant space of support, prayer and fellowship. For me, it’s where I am reminded of how God’s created us to be a community of believers where as friends and sisters in Christ we can share, rejoice and grow together in our journey of faith.”**

- Eliza Tan,  
final year student at NUS.



**“My fondest memory of NAMED was how the small group started really organically with a few girls who wanted to be a support for each other through Christ and the small group has evolved to become a support system through the bond of friendship formed through the years. Going to small group is always the highlight of my week.”**

Foong Wenjia,  
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