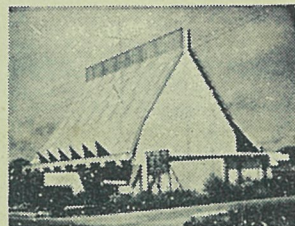


Newsletter

from

Trinity Methodist Church

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NOVEMBER 1972

PART OF A WIDER CHURCH

One of the finest opportunities we have had for a long time, to think with fellow-members about our task as a congregation and to plan what we need to equip us to do what we ought to be doing, will take place on the Hari Raya Holiday. The whole church is being invited to share in a Church Retreat, details of which are given here.

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W H O L E - C H U R C H R E T R E A T

at S.I.A. Bungalow, Windsor Drive

on Wednesday, 8 November

" EQUIPPING GOD'S PEOPLE"

We invite you to share in a day of inspiration, thinking and planning for the future.

Come and bring your family for a day by the sea. Special arrangements will be made to look after your children so that all members and friends can share in the programme.

Please return the Registration Form to Dr. Khor Tong Hong, 68, Chartwell Drive (19) not later than Sunday 5 November.

Cost: \$2 (adults) or \$1 (children) including food.

OFFICIAL BOARD MEMBERS 1972/3

At the Local Conference and the subsequent Inaugural Meeting of the Official Board, the following elections were made:-

CHAIRMAN: Mr Daniel Gwee
SECRETARY: Miss Violet Tan
TREASURER: Mr Tan Keng Hian
LAY LEADER: Mr Daniel Gwee
DISTRICT STEWARD: Mr Peter Lai

VICE-CHAIRMAN: Mr Phung Khye Sun
ASST. SECRETARY: Miss Violet Khor
PLEDGE TREASURER: Mr Choo Poh Siong
ASSOC. LAY LEADER: Miss Violet Tan
RES. DIST. STEWARD: Mr Francis Lee

CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
CHAIRMAN, STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE
CHAIRMAN, MEMBERSHIP & EVANGELISM
CHAIRMAN, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
CHAIRMAN, MISSION & SOCIAL CONCERN
(OUTREACH)

To be supplied
Mr Peter Lai
(Mrs Patricia Chia) To be supplied
Miss Phyllis Kwok
Mr Andrew Lee

CHAIRMAN, WORSHIP & MUSIC
CHAIRMAN, PROPERTY (LOCAL STEWARDS)
LAY MEMBER, ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Reserve - do -
W.S.C.S. PRESIDENT
M.Y.F. PRESIDENT
B. B. CAPTAIN

Dr. Khor Tong Hong
Mr Pang Kia Seng
Miss Violet Tan
Mr Andrew Lee, Miss Violet Khor
Mrs Lee Poh Lin
Mr Stephen Tan
Mr Tay Soon Hock

ELECTIVE STEWARDS: Mr Phung Khye Sun
Mr Lam Yet Seng
Mr Pang Kia Seng
Miss Evita Lee
Mr Chiang Hai Chew
Mr Frederick Wong
Mr Ong Chye Huat
Miss Violet Khor
Mrs Patricia Chia
Mr Chew Chin Jin

Mrs Catherine Pang
Mrs Dorothy Tan
Miss Linda Kan
Mr Henry Chia
Mr Khoo Eu Kiong
Mr Lai Men Soe
Mr Vincent Teo
Mr Willie Rasiah
Mrs Grace Wee

CHOIR DIRECTOR: To be supplied
COMMUNION STEWARD: Mrs Catherine Pang
CRADLE ROLL SECRETARY: Miss Khoo Koh Hee.

The new Board will be installed, with the officers of the W.S.C.S. at the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, 12 November.

 THAT ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION !

We apologise for the inconvenience caused by the Attendance Registration carried out at the Sunday services throughout October, and we are grateful to all those who have so faithfully co-operated by filling in the cards. Here, for your thought, are a first group of facts about Trinity Church

	Oct. 1			Oct. 8			Oct. 15			Oct. 22			Oct. 29		
MEMBERS	97	20	117	74	19	98	79	19	98	90	22	112	76	20	96
NON-MEMBERS	61	19	80	79	12	91	64	21	85	65	21	86	68	12	80
TOTAL	197			188			183			198			176		

Average attendance per Sunday: 188
 Members: 104 (41%)
 Non-Members: 84

On an average Sunday, 3 out of 5 members are not in church

Number of Attendances per Member

0	1	2	3	4	5	5+
92	46	18	26	31	35	5

The number of those who did not attend church during October excludes 17 members out of town or house-bound. Effective membership: 253

Every Sunday: 40 (16%). At least 3 times: 97 (39%)
 At least 4 times: 71 (28%). At least once: 161 (64%)

Slightly more than 1/3 of our membership did not attend church during the five Sundays of October.

We shall think about what these figures, and others emerging from the survey, mean when we meet for our WHOLE CHURCH RETREAT at the S.I.A. bungalow on Wednesday, 8 November.

CHURCH CALENDAR

- 1 Wed. 8.00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP at 20 Taman Serangoon
- 3 Fri. 8.00 P.M. CHOIR PRACTICE
- 4 Sat. DEEPAVALI HOLIDAY
- 5 SUN. 8.45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL & MEMBERSHIP CLASS
10.00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE - The Pastor
11.05 A.M. CHOIR PRACTICE
11.15 A.M. RETREAT GROUP LEADERS meet in Basement
3.30 P.M. M.Y.F. MEETING
5.30 P.M. HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE - The Pastor
- 6 Mon. 8.00 P.M. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
meet at 28, Chuan Hoe Avenue

- 8 Wed. HARI RAYA PUASA HOLIDAY
WHOLE CHURCH RETREAT 8.30 am - 5 pm.

- 10 Fri. 8.00 P.M. CHOIR PRACTICE
- 11 Sat. 3.00 P.M. BOYS' BRIGADE PARADE & BIBLE CLASS
- 12 SUN. TRINITY COLLEGE SUNDAY
8.45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL & MEMBERSHIP CLASS
10.00 A.M. SERVICE OF WORSHIP - Rev. Alan Herron (T.T.C.)
Installation of Official Board & WSCS Officers
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
- 13 Mon. 9.00 A.M. GENERAL CONFERENCE begins with Holy Communion
Service, University Lecture Room 4
7.30 P.M. CONFERENCE BANQUET at Conference Hall
Guest of Honour : Dr. Goh Keng Swee
- 15 Wed. 8.00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP at 20 Taman Serangoon
- 17 Fri. 8.00 P.M. CHOIR PRACTICE

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- 18 Sat. 3.00 P.M. BOYS' BRIGADE PARADE
4.00 P.M. LAYING OF FOUNDATION STONE of Toa Payoh Methodist Church, Lrong 2
- 19 SUN. GENERAL CONFERENCE ENDS
8.45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL & MEMBERSHIP CLASS
10.00 A.M. SERVICE OF WORSHIP - Visiting Preacher
11.05 A.M. CHOIR PRACTICE
11.15 A.M. OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING
3.30 P.M. M.Y.F. MEETING
5.00 P.M. INSTALLATION OF BISHOP at Wesley Church
5.30 P.M. SERVICE OF WORSHIP - Visiting Preacher
- 22 Wed. 8.00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP at 20 Taman Serangoon
- 24 Fri. 8.00 P.M. CHOIR PRACTICE
ANNUAL CONFERENCE BEGINS at Port Dickson
- 25 Sat. 3.00 P.M. BOYS' BRIGADE PARADE
- 26 SUN. 8.45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL (No Membership Class)
10.00 A.M. SERVICE OF WORSHIP -
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 - Mr Lam Yet Seng
- 28 Tue. ANNUAL CONFERENCE ENDS
- 29 Wed. 8.00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP at 20 Taman Serangoon

HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR PLEDGE CARD? The Pledge Treasurer reports
***** that we have not yet reached
our target of \$ 18,000 through pledges and that a number of members
and friends who have pledged regularly in the past have not yet returned cards. The on-going work of the church depends upon all of us playing our part, generously and faithfully.
PLEASE POST YOUR CARD to the church or to The Pledge Treasurer
60, Walmer Drive (19)

* FROM MRS. PATRICIA CHIA *

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Another blessed year is coming to an end and as I look back I cannot help but be thankful and gratified to all those who have supported me in one way or another whilst I served as Chairman of the Committee on Membership & Evangelism. Due to unavoidable circumstances, I regret that I have to relinquish the post, but I shall continue to support and assist in whatever way I can.

Firstly, may I say how overwhelmed I was at the tremendous response that I received last year for the insertion of Christmas Greetings in the Newsletter (at \$5). I hope that not only the same list of names can be inserted again this year, but new ones be added to it.

Secondly, I want to appeal for ushers to serve for the coming year at our morning services. A roster will be drawn up by which each usher need serve for only four services in the year. I am sure this would be a wonderful opportunity for us to serve, as well as foster a warmer relationship within the church.

Last but not least, may I appeal again to those who have not held Parish Meetings in their homes, to open their doors for Christian fellowship. To those many who have opened your doors, I want to say thank you. To the faithful few who have always stood by, I wish to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude.

Yours in Christ,

(signed) P. Chia

(Footnote: We would like to take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude to Mrs Chia for her years of dedicated, quiet service. We shall miss her greatly, and find her hard to replace; but we are glad to know that not only is she characteristically preparing for her successor but also that she will continue to serve until a new Chairman is appointed.

With her, we also express our thanks to others who this year relinquish offices they have devotedly held for long periods in the church. Especially we thank our revered Mr Lam Yet Seng

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(for more than ten years, Lay Leader or Chairman of the Board) and Mr & Mrs Francis Lee, who have chaired the Committees on Social Concerns and Mission for some six years. The church is built up on such faithful servants of Christ.)

NEWS OF OUR TRINITY FAMILY

NEW CHURCH MEMBER Miss Lily Loh, 105 Lorong Tanggam (28) has been received by transfer from Pentecost Methodist Church- a member of the Seletar Parish.

COVERED PORCH FOR THE CHURCH A new extension, including a wall on Lichfield Road, a covered porch and a small addition to the basement Hall is practically completed, and will give us more space for Sunday School and other activities.

A SET OF NEW HYMNALS, made possible by generous donations from members and friends over the past few months, is now on order and we hope they will be in use for Christmas.

WE ARE SEEKING more information about our members and their feelings about our present church programme. We enclose a short questionnaire with this Newsletter, and urge each member to complete this as soon as possible and return it before the end of November either to the church or to your Area Leader. Please feel free to add further comments that may help us as we plan for the future.

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE

Pledges for the month of October totalling \$1,433 and Thankofferings and other special gifts from:-

Mr & Mrs Chew Chin Nam (\$30 in loving memory of Mrs Chew Hock Lee) Miss Jessie Row (\$5) Mr & Mrs Chiang Hai Chew (\$10) Mrs Tan Kim Tee (\$20) Dr & Mrs Alan Tay (\$10) Mrs Chew Chin Jin (\$10 - for organ fund) Miss Linda Fang (\$20) Mr & Mrs Ong Chay Ai (\$20) Mrs Elsie Hardy (\$100) Mr & Mrs Wee Chye Huat (\$10) and an Anonymous gift of \$250 for purchase of new hymnals.

It is appropriate that we should be meeting to plan for the future as a congregation at about the time^{that} the wider Methodist Church is meeting to plan its wider strategy. Trinity Church is only one part of a much larger Church, and has its part to play in the deliberations of the General and Annual Conferences which meet this month.

The General Conference is the overall authority of the Methodist Church in the region. It meets once in four years, this year in Singapore at the University, and is composed of its General Officers and seven ministerial and seven lay representatives from the five Annual Conferences in the region. Our pastor is one of the S.M.A.C. delegates.

Among the important petitions to be discussed is a proposal that instead of having one bishop and five presidents, each Annual Conference should elect its own bishop, who would themselves elect one of their number to be Presiding Bishop. The Commission of the Laity of the Singapore District of S.M.A.C. is petitioning for the establishment of a Provisional Annual Conference for Singapore, composed of the S.M.A.C. churches in Singapore, but with the hope that one multi-lingual Singapore Conference may later be established with the Chinese and Tamil Conferences. There is the suggestion that the Local (formerly Quarterly) Conference be abolished and replaced by an Annual Church Conference, to give all church members a voice and a vote in determining the policy and programme of the local church.

There will be a Conference Banquet at the Singapore Conference Hall on Monday 13 November, at which Dr Goh Keng Swee will be the guest of honour. The foundation-stone of the Toa Payoh Methodist Church, now being built in Lorong 2, will be laid at 4 p.m. on Saturday 18 November, and the Bishop will be installed (if it is decided to keep one bishop) at the closing service at Wesley Church at 5 p.m. on Sunday 19 November.

It is hoped that members and friends will take the opportunity of attending some of these functions, or the Concert Night arranged by the W.S.C.S. on 15 November.

When all this is over, we move one step closer to our immediate local congregational life at the Annual Conference to be held at Port Dickson 24-28 November.

Please remember these important meetings in your prayers, that they may be guided in all things by God's Holy Spirit.