

# TMC NEWSLETTER

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TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH 34 SERANGOON GARDEN WAY (1955)

## PASTORAL EPISTLE

I have a good friend. I first met him in Hong Kong when I was working with an international publishing company. At that time the company was growing and we needed to strengthen our editorial department. We placed an advertisement in the South China Morning Post inviting application for the post of a translator. We were looking for a Christian with a flare for writing. We required someone proficient in English and Chinese to translate books and Bible for the Chinese Christians in diaspora.

Stephen was one of the few who responded to our advertisement. He sent his resume with a copy of his photograph. I didn't quite like his look. There was something amiss about his eyes which made me feel uncomfortable and which clouded my attitude towards his application. In a moment of foolishness I said to myself that Stephen was not going to be selected. I thought the other applicants looked more promising. At least I was not disturbed by their looks.

Since there were only a few applications, everyone was invited for a personal interview. At the stipulated time, Stephen was ushered into my office. He moved clumsily towards me. I didn't like the way he walked, just as I felt uncomfortable with his almost bulging eyes. The thought that entered my mind the moment I saw him was extremely negative. My prejudiced thought whispered that I should not have wasted his time. It would have been easier for me to write him a letter telling him that he was unsuccessful without having to call him to my office.

It must be divine intervention that Stephen was invited to the interview. I was glad that Stephen came. Physical shortcomings and my clouded view aside, Stephen was the most qualified and competent for the job. At the end of the interview he was offered a place in our company.

Stephen did well with us. He was unassum-

ing and quiet in his approach to his work. We became good friends after he joined us.

I met Stephen again this year. He is now holding a responsible post with the Hong Kong Immigration Department.

You may be wondering why I have devoted this letter to Stephen.

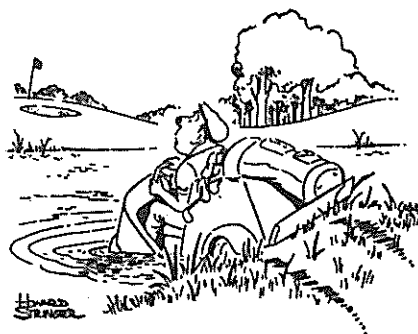
The answer is Stephen is a special friend. I almost lost the opportunity of knowing him as a friend had I allowed my prejudiced mind to dominate my attitude and approach towards him.

You see, Stephen is disabled. He is almost blind. Yet his life has been a blessing to many people. I admire his faith, and I am inspired by his refusal to allow physical disability to cripple his life. While normally healthy and blessed people may waver in their faith, become complacent in their Christian living, and groan in time of trial, Stephen persevered. He has overcome many obstacles in his life. He went through school. He graduated from the Baptist College with a degree in communication. He moved about Hong Kong independently. He succeeded where others might have given up without trying.

May our Lord grant you hope, joy and peace this Christmas and the rest of your life. Matthew 1:18-25.

With you ..... celebrating His Birth.

Pastor Daniel K.S. Koh



"ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME THAT I SHOULD'VE GONE TO CHURCH INSTEAD OF PLAYING GOLF THIS MORNING?"

PASTOR DANIEL KOH KAH SOON

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# EDITORIAL

Christmas Day! What an exciting time as everyone celebrates Christmas which as the years go by has become more and more commercialised. It is celebrated by both Christians and non-Christians alike.

As Christians, let us not lose sight of the significance of Christmas. This Holy day (although it is not the exact day when our Lord and Saviour was born) commemorates the redemptive love of God coming as a person to live among us.

Let us remember that our Lord "gave Himself as a ransom for all" (1 Timothy 2 : 6). Jesus was sent to this world to reveal God to mankind because "no man has seen God at any time" (John 1 : 18). Christ was made flesh to provide an "example for us to follow in His footsteps" (1 Peter 2 : 21).

As we celebrate Christmas with the exchange of gifts and presents in a gesture of love, peace and goodwill towards one another, let the giving be in the spirit of commemorating God's supreme and precious gift as expressed in John 3 : 16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son."

As gifts are exchanged let us pause and ask ourselves "What am I going to give to the Lord Jesus this coming Christmas?" The most wonderful present you could give would be "To present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God." (Romans 12 : 1).

Jesus whose birth we celebrate at Christmas lives with us still. God reaching out to us begun in Christ continued even today through the Holy Spirit and it is this continuing presence of God that we celebrate during Christmas. "Glory be to God in the highest and on earth peace and goodwill."

"What shall I give for Christmas to Him who gave Himself for me? To Him I give my life my love for time and for eternity." (Anonymous)

Here's wishing you a Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Meaningful New Year. God Bless.

Tham Yew Kee

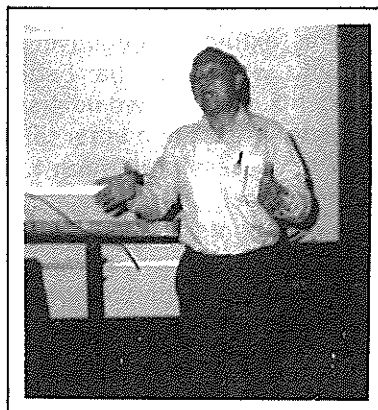
## END OF THE YEAR QUIZ

### Multiple Choice

- 1) The doxology which we have been singing in church is composed by
  - a) Charles Wesley
  - b) Ralph Carmichael
  - c) John Newton
  - d) Jimmy Owens
- 2) Every Sunday we have \_\_\_\_\_ prayer items listed in our bulletin.
  - a) Four
  - b) Five
  - c) Six
  - d) Seven
- 3) The main guest speaker at this year's Holy Week night services.
  - a) Malcolm Tan
  - b) Tan Kok Beng
  - c) Martin Alphonse
  - d) Edmund Chua
- 4) Our church is \_\_\_\_\_ years old this year.
  - a) 24
  - b) 25
  - c) 26
  - d) 27
- 5) The Chairman of our Church Extension Project Committee.
  - a) Mr. Pang Kia Seng
  - b) Mr. P. Sathiasingam
  - c) Mr. Daniel Gwee
  - d) Dr. Khor Tong Hong

### True or False

- 1) Less than 50% of our total membership pledged to support the church in 1982/83.
- 2) Sunday School is kid stuff. Adults don't attend Sunday School.
- 3) Scripture in Song volume two which we use in church is red in colour.
- 4) "Majesty" is the theme song for the new church year.
- 5) Pastor preached eleven sermons based on the Lord's Prayer. see page ..... 9



OUR LAY LEADER CHEW CHIN JIN GIVING A SOLO? see page ..... 4

## BETHLEHEM

All day people had been arriving,  
returning to their native town, the place from which  
their fathers and their grandfathers had come,  
going back to be taxed.  
And so the town was crowded. And when night fell  
it was crowded beyond its capacity.  
Many homes were crammed with  
holiday-minded relatives making the most of the  
required journey,  
and talking about old times, old hopes.  
The inns didn't have a spare bed, mattress, or sleeping  
space.  
Even the stables behind the inns  
were occupied by more than animals.

Night thickened. <sup>and</sup>  
and the inns of tethered asses and hobbled camels  
settled down into stillness. Even the dogs,  
scavenging among the plentiful rubbish of the day,  
gradually disappeared, replete, and ready for a  
sheltered spot.

And  
all was still.  
But in one stable, among the animals, there was  
a small bustle of urgent, anxious, controlled activity,  
until to one young mother  
a son was born.  
And this was good news of a new kind  
to all sorts of people.  
It was good news for restless minds  
of wise men from the thoughtful East.  
who knelt before this answer to their questionings, and  
rejoiced  
that reason and much learning  
now united them with shepherds of the field,  
for whom the heavens were brighter and the path more  
straight.  
There was great gladness there as Christmas gifts were  
offered —  
the precious, simple gifts of peasant folk  
and the treasures of the wise.

Now,  
in imagination and devotion,  
all God's children gather here to see.  
And this day I am with them.  
Thank you Lord,  
for loving us so much  
as to be practical, definite, specific in the way in which  
you come to us.  
Thank you for finding the language which all men can  
understand  
and thank you  
for the heart-breaking humility  
at the centre of your majesty.  
That is why  
at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow.

— Dick Williams, *God Thoughts*, Falcon Book, 1969.

## CHURCH LEADERS' RETREAT

This year the Leaders' Retreat was the second of such retreats. It was held on Deepavali Day, Friday, 4th November. There were 53 participants. We praise God for their sacrifice of time to do God's work on a Public Holiday.

The group left church cheerfully and enthusiastically for the Garden Hotel at Balmoral Road at 8.30 a.m. sharp. Everyone came prepared for a day of fruitful fellowship and discussion on planning and implementation of the programmes of the various committees. We were guided by our new church theme "Christianity is the Way of Life", based on Philippians 1 : 27a

The Speaker at the Retreat was Mr Edmund Chua

who gave an inspired message based on our new theme. This year's Retreat was different from that of last year's in that there was a "Forum" on which sat Mr E. K. Khoo, Mr P. Sathiasingam, Mr Malcolm Tan and Mr Edmund Chua.

The members of the Forum shared their views on the various aspects and activities of the committees and answered questions from the floor. The retreat was a success with the participants having gained much spiritually from the inspirational message, group workshops, singing a new theme song "Father I Thank You", and Christian fellowship.

For those of you who missed this retreat, plan to attend the next one on Deepavali, 1984.

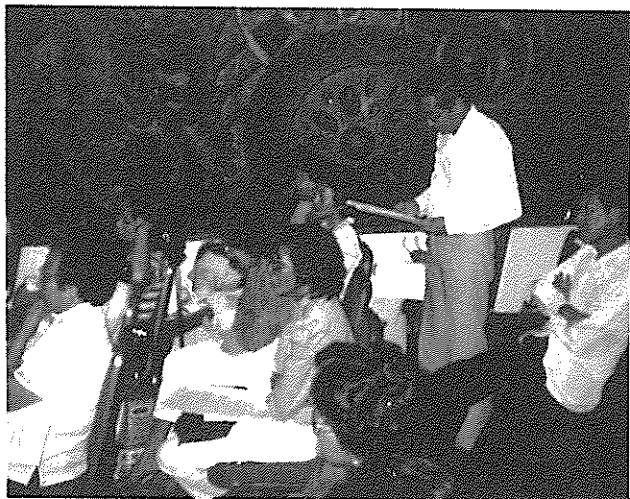


"YES, AUNTIE NANCY AS YOU WERE SAYING."  
— GROUP DISCUSSION.

TIRED BUT HAPPY. →



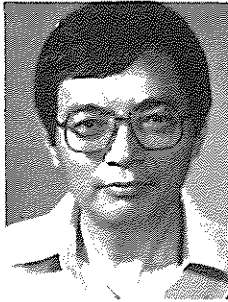
MR. EDMUND CHUA — OUR GUEST SPEAKER.



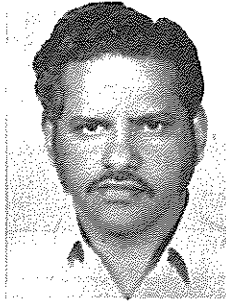
"I HAVE A QUESTION TO ASK" — MR. DANIEL GWEЕ.

# LOCAL CHURCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

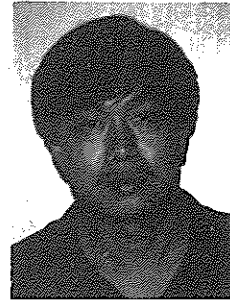
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CHAIRMAN LCEC



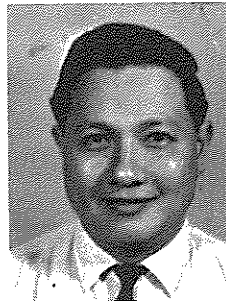
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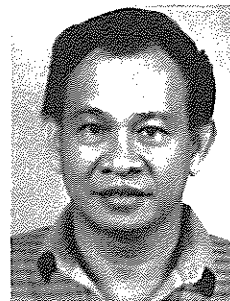
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SECRETARY LCEC



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ASSISTANT SECRETARY LCEC



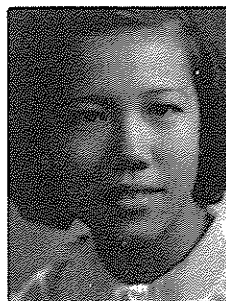
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LAY—LEADER



MR THAM YEW KEE  
ASSOCIATE LAY—LEADER



MRS MARGARET TAN  
ASSOCIATE LAY—LEADER



MISS LUCY LAU  
TREASURER



MISS HELEN TIO  
ASSISTANT TREASURER



MRS LEE POH LIN  
PLEDGE TREASURER



MRS NANCY LEE  
ASSISTANT PLEDGE TREASURER



MRS DORIS GWEE  
CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT



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MR & MRS SIDNEY LO

PARK MING & DARLENE

MR & MRS LESLIE YONG

MR & MRS PANG KIA SENG



MR & MRS TAY SOON HOCK & FAMILY

MISS FLORENCE TAN

DR & MRS TAN BENG GUAN



MARGARET, CHARLIE Y.E. TAN & FAMILY

MR & MRS PETER LAI

LEE POH LIN & LEE PAK LIN

CONSTANCE SEET & FAMILY

CHURCH

MR & MRS RICHARD TAY

LUCY LAU

MR & MRS ROBERT CHEOK

MR & MRS CHEW CHI

MRS ALICE LIM, LIM HEE BENG, LIM HEE SOON

MR & MRS TEH

MR & MRS YIP KAM CHOONG & FAMILY

MR & MRS HUM SIN HOON

MR & MRS LAWRENCE PANG & FAMILY

MR & MRS PHILIP TAN & FAMILY



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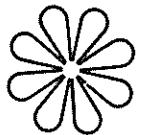
JOH, NANCY & YULIN

MR & MRS TAN TIAM GUAN

MR & MRS

MR & MRS YIP FOOK YOON & FAMILY

CHOO POH CHOR,



# REETINGS



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CHIN NYUK FUI & FAMILY

MR & MRS E. K. KHOO

JAMES & LILY TAY

MR & MRS LEE BAY TSENG

MR & MRS JOLLY LOW & FAMILY

MR & MRS KOH CHIN PENG & JANET

MISSSES KHOO SOCK YAN & KHOO KOH HEE

MR BRUCE ZEE

BOOKSTALL

SHIRLEY & MICHEAL ONG

MR & MRS WONG YOW CHUEN

MR & MRS CHEW KIM MIN

GHIE, EDDIE & ELSIE

CAROL, DAVE BIRKINSHAW

ONG KIA

MISSSES JUNE CHEW & SERENE CHEW

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MR & MRS CHEW CHIN JIN

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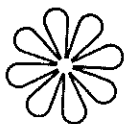
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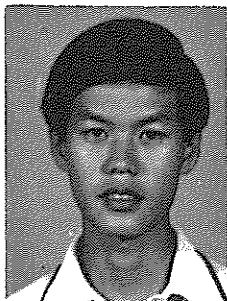
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JIM SENG, CATHERINE



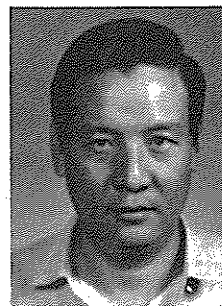
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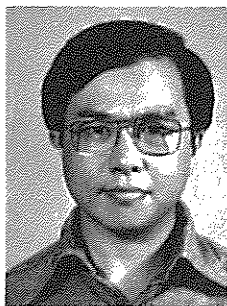
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**MR CHEW KIM MIN**  
CHAIRMAN MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



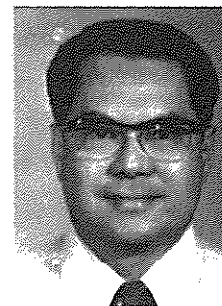
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**MR NG YEAP KIAT**  
CHAIRMAN SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE



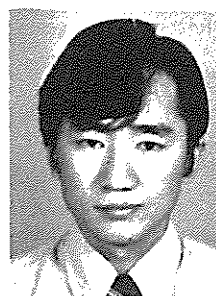
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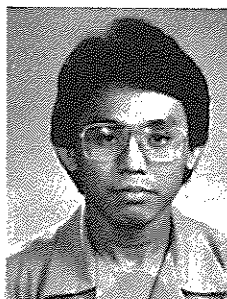
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WSCS PRESIDENT



**MR ALBERT LOH**  
MYF PRESIDENT



**MR IVAN TAN**  
CHAIRMAN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE



## CAROLLING WITH A DIFFERENCE



Some time back, the Rev. T. C. Nga spoke to our congregation. He mentioned something which struck the hearts of the youth at TMC. He pointed out that carolling should not be restricted to visiting church members' homes. More importantly, it should be extended to evangelise the masses. After all, what better season to do this than during the celebration of Christ's birth.

In the past we had witnessed at Ang Mo Kio Central, but our emphasis was visiting members' homes. This year the Lord has impressed upon the carolling committee that our priorities should change. We have decided to embark on a carolling with a difference. Our carollers will be singing the Christmas message at Scotts Shopping Centre, Chong Boon Community Centre, and Ang Mo Kio Central during this Christmas season.

At the time of writing we have a shortage of experienced carollers. But we are not discouraged. Our Lord has guided us in our preparation, and He will see us through.

Pray for us. Join us in our Christmas outreach. More details will be publicised in church.

David Gwee

## PULPIT CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

#### THEME — THE LORD'S PRAYER

- 6 And Forgive Us Our Trespases
- 13 As We Forgive Those Who Trespass Against Us
- 20 Lead Us Not Into Temptation
- 27 But Deliver Us From Evil

### DECEMBER

- 4 For Thine Is The Kingdom, And The Power And The Glory. Forever. Amen.

#### THEME — PREPARING FOR CHRIST

- 11 What Manner Of Love
- 18 Finding A Room For The Christ Child
- 25 Emmanuel - God With Us
- 31 Looking Forward

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

Date - Sunday, December 25, 1983  
 Time - 10.00 a.m.  
 Place - Church  
 Speaker - Pastor Daniel K. S. Koh  
 Topic - Emmanuel : God With Us

## NEW YEAR'S EVE PROGRAMME 31.12.83

- a) **Family Reunion Pot-luck Dinner**  
 Time - 7.00 p.m.  
 Place - Church Basement  
 Coordinator - W.S.C.S.  
 If you are coming, please inform Mrs. Lydia Han, Tel. 2801802.
- b) **Fellowship and Film Show**  
 Time - 8.15 p.m.  
 Place - Church  
 Title of Movie - The Life of John Wesley
- c) **Watchnight cum Communion Service**  
 Time - 11.00 p.m.  
 Place - Church  
 Sermon - Looking Ahead

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## Answers to the End-of-Year Quiz

### Multiple Choice

1 = d, 2 = a, 3 = c, 4 = c, 5 = a.

### True or False

- 1 = True. Have you sent in your pledge for this year?
- 2 = False. Sunday School is for all. There is an Adult Class led by Mr. Victor Han meeting every Sunday at 9.00 a.m.
- 3 = False. If you do not know the colour of our song book, probably you have missed our singspiration sessions.
- 4 = False. This is a popular song. But our theme song is "Father I Thank You."
- 5 = False. There were eleven sermons in this series. But Mr. Malcolm Tan preached on "Thy Kingdom Come."

### Score

- 8 - 10 correct answers. You have done well. It looks like you care about the ministry and mission of this church.
- 6 - 7 correct answers. Good. At least you do attempt to keep up-to-date with what's going on in church. But you can get more involved in the work of the church. There is room for your involvement.
- Below 5 correct answers. We miss you. We miss your participation. We miss your fellowship. We would love to have you around worshipping with us, fellowshiping with us and serving with us.

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM LOCAL CONFERENCE

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Most of the plans made by the Worship and Music Committee for the current year were carried out.

### 1. Music

Although no cantata was performed either at Christmas or Easter, the choir prepared and sang special anthems at Christmas, Good Friday, Easter Sunday as well as on other special Sundays. Because a number of major singers are away for temporary leave, the choir will not be able to present a cantata during the coming year either.

### 2. Hymnals

The number of worshippers attending services has increased and this has led to a shortage of hymnals especially on Holy Communion Sundays. New hymnals were therefore purchased during the year: 20 in September 1982 and another 30 in July 1983.

### 3. Organ

The organ in the choir loft has been malfunctioning for some time, and is undergoing repairs.

### 4. The PA System of the church has also been updated. A Turnkey loud-speaker was purchased last year and 2 Turnkey amplifiers and 1 mixer pre-amplifier purchased in July this year.

### 5. Budget

When planning for the budget for the coming year, the committee decided to cut down on its budget demands to help in the church Extension Fund drive. The budget for the coming year was reduced by about \$1000/-.

It remains for me to again thank all those who served faithfully on the committee during the current year:

The choir, choir director and organists, ushers and flower arrangers, Communion stewards, the church staff, gardeners and and everyone who contributed towards making our worship services meaningful and beautiful.

May the Lord guide us and give us grace to serve Him more faithfully during the coming year.

**Mathy Dorasingham**

Chairman, Worship and Music Committee

## SUNDAY SCHOOL'S REPORT

We have a team of dedicated teachers serving in the Sunday School. We praise and thank God for their loving and committed service in this important area of our Church work. There are 15 classes from Kindergarten to Adult Bible Class with a staff of 26 teachers and 3 reserve persons.

The total enrolment of children and adults is 120 and the average attendance per Sunday is 80.

## PROJECT/PROGRAMMES

1. Through the witness of Miss Joyce Chew and some helpers in the Kim Keat Area, we now have 13 children and one adult coming regularly to the Sunday School. This is made possible through the free transport provided by us.

2. Some teachers and young people also join Mr Gabriel Liew the Evangelism Chairman in the witnessing programme outside our church. We feel that the Sunday School Children should also be involved in sharing and witnessing.

### 3. Junior Service

This was started in 1980 for children whose parents attend the 10.00 a.m. service. At first they were taught by teachers and parents on a roster basis, but since 1982, the Junior Department teachers have taken complete responsibility. Attendance varies from 5 to 20. Children are encouraged to attend more regularly so that there will be continuity in their Bible lessons.

### 4. Adult Bible Class

Mr Victor Han has 5 to 8 adults per Sunday. They have discussions, sharing sessions and the study of certain books and the Bible each Sunday. Publicity will be given in the Church to encourage more adults to join the class in the Basement at 9.00 a.m.

### 5. Christian Education Sunday on September 18, 1983

There was a combined Sunday School Service. Two items were presented at the 10.00 a.m. church service. An exhibition of the materials and the work of the Sunday School was put up at the back of the church.

### 6. Christmas

We plan to have a Christmas Party for the children. There will also be a combined Christmas programme on Christmas Day. We hope to put up a short play to relay the message of Christmas.

### 7. Teachers' Training

Since the beginning of 1983, 13 teachers had attended various training courses. One was organised by TRAC and the other three by para church organisations. They had indicated that the lessons were stimulating and helpful. All teachers are expected to attend training or refresher courses. The fees are paid by Christian Education Committee.

## CONCLUSION

The Sunday School looks after the Christian Education of our children and we are thankful that parents have entrusted us with that responsibility. We hope that more parents will be reminded that the Sunday School "will aid them in Christian nurture of their children." In the Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 10 verse 14, Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come into me, and forbid them not for such is the Kingdom of God."

**Mrs Doris Gwee**

Sunday School Superintendent

## LAY LEADERS' REPORT

The Associate Lay Leaders, Mrs Margaret Tan, and Mr Tham Yew Kee and I have much to thank the Lord for giving us this wonderful opportunity to serve this Church as Lay Leaders. We pray for our Lord's forgiveness for the areas of our duties we have neglected and not given off our best. However, as we come to the end of the Church year, we praise and thank the Lord for the abundant mercies, grace and blessings showered upon us during the year.

From the reports of our Pastor, Chairmen of various Committees and Heads of organisations, our Church has progressed and grown in membership and activity all to the Glory of God. Praise the Lord for these achievements. However, there are areas which need more of our attention, our love and our concern.

1. Personal love and concern to be shown and extended whenever we come together to have fellowship with our Lord and with our fellowmen/women. To fulfill this, there is a need sometimes to have personal discussion and prayer with members or visitation of members' homes. When there is love and concern shown, we can be assured that the Lord will lead members to attend Church or other meetings.
2. Members, especially new members of our church should know more about the aims, objectives and functions of our Committees and Organisations. Maybe a booklet/brochure of all the activities of our church should be published and given to all members. This is not only to give members information of the functions of all committees and organisations but that they will be involved in at least one of the committees or organisations.
3. The development and formation of more Parish Meetings and Small Groups for more Christian fellowship in prayer, bible study and sharing. This would entail the training of potential leaders to be able to lead in Parish Meetings and Small Groups.

For LCEC members who are not yet involved in any committee or organisation of the Church may we appeal to you to join us in trying to fulfill the Mission of our Church in this small community, May we quote Rev. Dr Harry Parkin in his message to last year's "Church Leaders' Retreat":

"The Church is the Community of Christ who  
LISTENS  
MINISTERS TO  
SERVES  
SUFFERS, and above all  
LOVES NEIGHBOUR AND  
ENEMY."

"Brethren, I do not consider that I have made it on my own; but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3 : 13, 14)

**Chew Chin Jin, Lay Leader**  
**Mrs Margaret Tan, Associate Lay Leader**  
**Mr Tham Yew Kee, Associate Lay Leader**

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT

### INTRODUCTION

The main thrust is the support of the Small Groups Ministry & the training of leaders.

### ONGOING PROJECTS

- a. The development of a training syllabus for leadership training.
- b. The Ministry of personal encouragement of Sunday School teachers.
- c. The establishment of an effective church library that will help provide the resources for the Small Group Ministry.
- d. The encouragement of the habit of reading good Christian books as a means of personal growth.

### NEW PROJECTS

- a. The implementation of the training syllabus.
- b. The development of the Department Fellowships (DFs) Ministry.

### EVALUATION

- a. **Training Syllabus**
  - This has been completed and approved by Pastor.
  - Implementation will be actively pursued next year.
  - Training of leaders on a small scale is being implemented in the Youth ministry.
- b. **Sunday School Teachers**
  - The growth of Department Fellowships (DFs) is beginning to be a source of encouragement to teachers. This is still not widespread and must continue to be encouraged. It is not just a matter of meeting but also of commitment to one another.
- c. **Church Library**
  - Difficulties were faced by the present librarian in getting helpers. Therefore the work is slow and much still needs to be done.
- d. **Book Shops**
  - Here, too, difficulties were faced in getting committed helpers.  
Some progress was made in the sale of certain books at special prices especially those from the Navigators and the Scripture Union.
- e. **Tape Ministry**
  - The acquisition of taping equipment will make it easier to do the taping and thence develop the potential to make tapes for members to purchase
  - The ministry needs more publicity so that the new potential can be tapped.
- f. **Other Training**
  - There is an increase in the number of people attending various training seminars and camps. This is wonderful. Many of these people are already involved in the church what can be done here is to encourage those who are not involved to help out in church ministry.

**Ivan Tan**  
**Chairman, Christian Education.**

### A CHANGE OF PLAN. NOT A CHANGE OF VISION

If you are a regular worshipper, you may notice that we have set aside a notice board just outside the entrance to the sanctuary for us to keep you informed of our VISION project, the TRINITY EDUCATIONAL CENTRE. We have invited you to PRAY for this project, PARTICIPATE in the project, and PUBLICISE it. We believe that this project when completed will help us fulfil an important part of our VISION and MISSION for this church to meet the needs of our members and to reach out to the growing population surrounding our church.

In the past couple of months, the notice board was left unused. Some of you may be wondering why. Why take down the artist impression of the original plan which we had earlier submitted to the relevant government authority?

The reason is this. THERE IS NOW A CHANGE OF PLAN, BUT NOT A CHANGE OF VISION. The plan we submitted was accepted by the authority in principle. But we were advised to either relocate the building or reduce the size of the project. To reduce the size of the extension would defeat the purpose of the project. It would not meet our pressing needs for space and facilities. It may then curtail our vision to reach out to the growing community around our estate. The other option is for us to relocate. Our LCEC has accepted the recommendation of the Project Committee to have a new plan drawn up and since early November, our architect has submitted the new plan to the government. This plan is an improvement on the previous one. It calls for a new building to be erected parallel to our existing church building. It is a double-storey building with provisions for us to add a third floor subject to availability of funds.

We will show you the new plan when we have a copy from the architect. This is a vision project. Continue to pray for its completion, participate in giving financial support, and publicise it.

#### CHURCH CALENDAR

##### SUNDAY

8.30 a.m. - Sunday School  
9.00 a.m. - Adult Bible Class  
10.00 a.m. - Worship Service  
5.00 p.m. - Worship Service  
(Holy Communion - 1st Sunday of the month)

##### TUESDAY

The Methodist Adult Fellowship meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 8.00 p.m..

##### FRIDAY

8.00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting

##### SATURDAY

4.00 p.m. - Youth Fellowship

#### ORDINATION

Our pastor was ordained as a deacon of the Methodist Church in Singapore on December 2, 1983. Ministerial candidates have to go through at least four years of supervision as members on trial. There are two stages of ordination. A ministerial candidate is ordained a deacon after two years of "trial". If he meets all requirements, he may be recommended for ordination as an elder at the end of his four year trial period. Our pastor has completed two years of service as a member on trial. He should be eligible for ordination as an elder in 1985.

At the ordination service held at the Wesley Methodist Church, three other members on trial were ordained as deacons, and two deacons were ordained elders. One of the newly ordained elder is the Rev. Lorna Khoo, formerly a member of our church.

#### WANTED: SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

If you are above 18, and you love to teach, sign up as a Sunday School teacher for the new year. Training will be provided.

#### PLEDGES FOR 1983-84

The total membership of the church is 430. So far only 210 members have sent in their pledges. Have you sent in yours?

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TRINITY EDUCATIONAL CENTRE BUILDING FUND

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In gratitude to God and as my/our contribution to the above Fund :-

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MAKE A PRAYERFUL DECISION, GOD'S WORK NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT.  
WILL YOU IN LOVE AND GRATITUDE TO HIM ACCEPT THIS INVITATION  
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