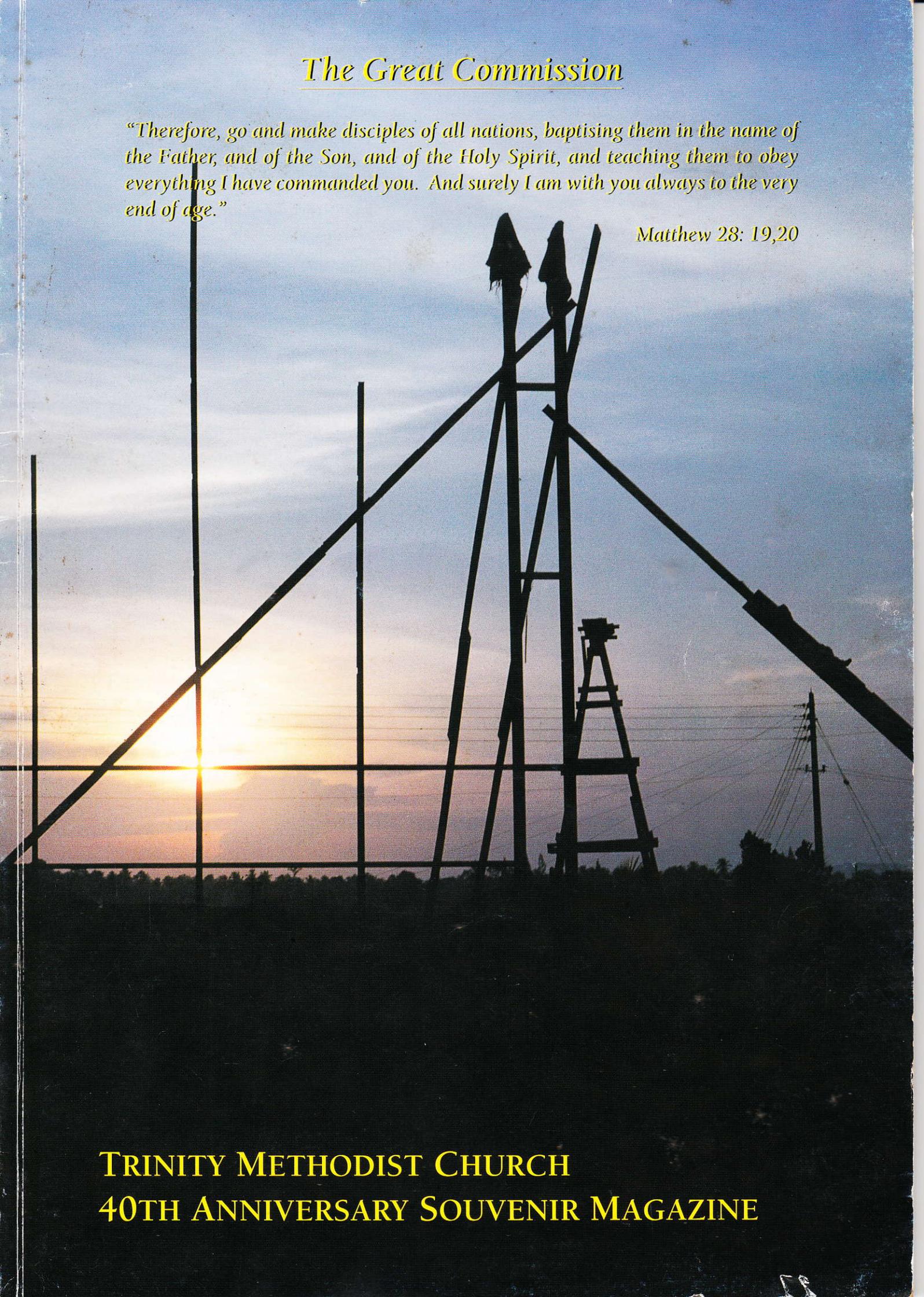


The Great Commission

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of age.”

Matthew 28: 19,20



**TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH
40TH ANNIVERSARY SOUVENIR MAGAZINE**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

- 1) To **share** the love of Jesus Christ with the unchurched in our vicinity; to declare and demonstrate the reality of the good news (gospel) of the kingdom of God; to serve those in the larger community.
- 2) To **become** a community of love and grace, discovering and serving one another with spiritual gifts and graces so that the Body of Christ may be built up to maturity in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- 3) To **participate** in the task of world evangelisation, to direct resources of prayer, finance and personnel towards Unreached People Groups in our region.

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BISHOP'S MESSAGE

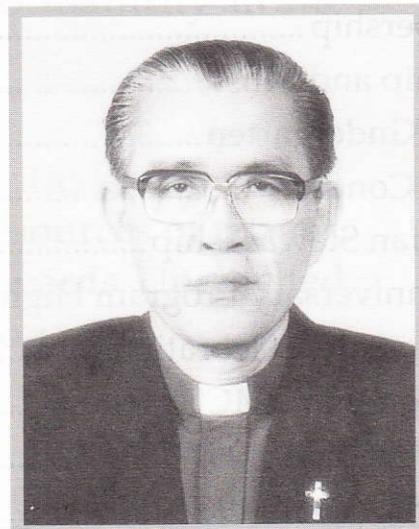
Amazing Grace and Love of God

Trinity Methodist Church has gone through 40 years safely under God's guidance. The Church has grown both physically and spiritually and the pastoral staff and members are able to work in unity and love to build up the Body of Christ. Praise be to God!

We all know that a church should not boast of its past ministries and success, but we rather endeavour to serve our Lord even more every day. I would like to take this opportunity to urge the church to face the challenge and undertake the mission to spread the Gospel widely so that many can be led to the Lord.

Besides spreading the Gospel, we should also involve ourselves in missions and social concerns. Care for those who need caring so that they too may know the love and grace of our Lord. In the case of missions, we should involve ourselves with all the ministries undertaken by the Methodist Missions Society (MMS). Let us make "*the world is my parish*" our personal mission!

BISHOP WONG KIAM THAU
The Methodist Church in Singapore



TRAC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the celebration of this fortieth anniversary, we venture ahead in the way our pioneers did when they first established this church. The setting up of a new congregation and the commitment of our forebears resulted in the fulfilment of a dream. Trinity Methodist Church would not have come into being if not for the boldness that God would do something great and certainly something great through humble lives committed to service.

The same boldness to count for the Lord must be the hallmark of leaders and members of this generation. If we are to win persons for Jesus Christ, we must be willing to articulate the gospel both by word and deed so that the lost can hear the gospel and recognise its power at work in the lives of a people called Methodist.

Our pioneers have laid the foundation for a great work. They have run the race with distinction and have with great care passed the baton of ministry for us to continue in the same race. It is our responsibility to run our lap well so that we would with pride pass on the baton to the next generation who in their time will do us proud by running their best for Jesus.

Like the Apostle Paul, I want for us to be able to say, *"I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing"* (2 Tim. 4:7-8).

It is interesting to note three things in this statement of Paul. First of all, there is in Paul's statement, a **faith expression**. Paul says, "I have fought a good fight". Paul was a person who lived the gospel and demonstrated that fact in every aspect of his life. He loved Jesus dearly, and this was certainly seen in his life of sacrificial service.

We are called to do the same. Our love for Jesus demands a faith expression. Our witness for Christ counts when we are willing to impact society by the love we have for them and through the same love share the message of the gospel.

Secondly, there is in Paul's statement, a **faith commitment**. Paul says, "I have kept the faith." For Paul, a commitment to Jesus meant trusting in Him both in good times as well as in bad times. He knew what it meant to remain faithful to Christ even when things were going bad for him. Why? Because Paul lived by the axiom that "all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose" (Rom.8:28) There was never a time when Paul expressed a desire to give up the faith. For him, his commitment to Christ was total, there was no turning back.

What about our faith commitment. I want to believe that our commitment to Christ remains steadfast no matter what the situation of life may be. If Jesus is Lord in good times, Jesus will also be Lord in bad times. His grace will be sufficient for our every need.

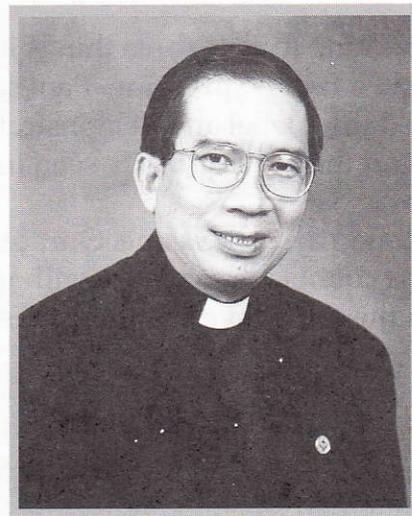
Thirdly, there is in Paul's statement, a **faith coronation**. Paul believed that his faith expression and commitment will result in a faith coronation. He says, "there is reserved for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge will give me on that day." For Paul, this life was only a prelude to the next. He knew that his faithfulness to Christ will result in a faith coronation.

Is this not true for us as well? Like Paul, we too will receive the "crown of righteousness" when we meet the Lord in heaven. Our Lord will be there to make His promise a reality.

As you celebrate your fortieth anniversary, I rejoice with you. My wish for the church is that she will stand bold as a witness of God's love. May her faith expression be the result of her faith commitment and may all who leave her portals be recipients of a faith coronation that will climax their faith journey.

May God's love and grace enrich each of you always. To Him be glory and praise.

Rev Dr Isaac Lim
President
Trinity Annual Conference



MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORS

Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers. And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the Lord your God chastens you. Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him.

Deuteronomy 8:1-7

The children of Israel led by Moses sojourned the wilderness for forty years. At the end of their journey, Moses, their paramount leader, gathered them by the river Jordan. From where they stood, they were able to see the beautiful plain of the Promised Land. The land of "flowing milk and honey" was their inheritance as promised by God to their ancestor Abraham more than 500 years earlier. The land symbolises the act of God's faithfulness towards His chosen people. Moses elaborately narrated the story of God's faithfulness to the children of Israel. For in their sojourn, they experienced the presence of God in a real and special way. They knew God was faithful towards them even when they acted faithlessly. Moses implored the children of Israel to remember this important story. They were to tell the story of God's faithfulness from one generation to another. Every succeeding generation was called to look at the story of the Exodus as the story of God's faithfulness. They knew the God who kept their ancestors safe in the wilderness is also the same God who will provide for them in the Promised Land. They knew that God will not forsake them. For He did not carry their ancestors so far as to let the present generation down.

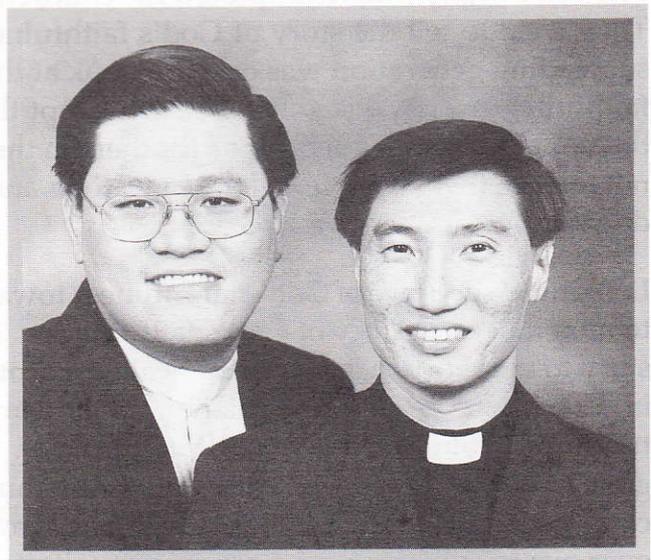
Looking at the story of God's faithfulness towards the Jewish people, it is important for us to remember our story of God's faithfulness. Trinity Methodist Church has a remarkable story to tell. Forty years ago, God called a group of faithful believers to establish a church in Serangoon Gardens. They laboured hard and long, contributing their time, talents and treasures to build up a Christian community. We need to give thanks to those who have gone before us. This magazine acts as a reminder of God's faithfulness towards us as a community. However, we must be careful from becoming too nostalgic and sentimental over our past that we miss the opportunity to learn the precious lesson of remembering our calling as the people of God.

Our present congregational life needs to remember the purpose for our existence as a church. Like the children of Israel, we are called to make an impact upon our neighbours. The Israelites could only make an impact when they took seriously the calling to root themselves in the land of God's choice. God called us to root ourselves in Serangoon Gardens. Like the children of Israel, we are expected to make a name for ourselves in our

surroundings. What is Trinity Methodist Church known for? What are the values we adhere to closely in our hearts? How do we translate these values into a name for ourselves? In our time and age, many people are lost. They do not know about the love of God. They do not know that Jesus Christ died for their sins. They have yet to experience the power of the Holy Spirit. We are called to share the story of God's faithfulness to them. Our predecessors caught the vision to build a church in this estate for the sharing of the gospel. Forty years later, the same vision still calls us into our community. While the Lord may have expanded our ministry in Cambodia and Thailand, the call to reach out to our community remains the same. That is one important value we must never lose as a church.

In closing, we want you to know that God is not finished with us yet. There awaits us many more wonderful episodes of witnessing His faithfulness in the life of our church. We believe that as we are faithful to the things of God, He will be faithful to us.

The Pastors
Rev Lim Jen Huat
Rev Richard Tan



WE REMEMBER IN CHRIST...

REV. CHRISTOPHER HULSE SMITH

Christopher Hulse Smith was born on the 3rd of January 1923 at Hipperholme in Yorkshire, England. The youngest son of a Methodist minister, he had two elder brothers and two sisters. His initial education was at Kingswood School. There he excelled in both sports and study, becoming a senior prefect of the school and winning an exhibition to read Mathematics at Emmanuel College, Cambridge in 1942. War disrupted his studies. Chris was a conscientious objector (the letter expressing his reasons for his position is displayed in the Imperial War Museum, London). He served with the Friends Ambulance Unit in the United Kingdom and in Germany. In solidarity with the German refugees who were starving, Chris and some of his friends covenanted to eat only whatever meagre food was available to the people there for a period of time. This kind of radical caring and commitment was to become one of the most noticeable marks of his ministry.

After the war, Chris was accepted as a candidate for the Methodist ministry. Pastoral "cultivation" was in his blood. Not only was his father a pastor, his sisters all married pastors and several of his uncles were pastors. He trained at Wesley House, Cambridge from 1946 - 48, graduating with a Master of Arts (M.A.). Love blossomed at Cambridge. He met Eileen at a Methodist youth meeting. Eileen was training to be a teacher at Homerton College there. Chris, who had a deep sense of God's call to serve in China, proposed to Eileen with the question, "Will you share my little bit of China with me?" (Eileen is sure that if she had said "no" - he would still have felt that he had to go there.) They were engaged but Chris had to leave for China in 1948. Upon his arrival, he found that the Communists had taken over and he spent his time in Kunming (South West China) under partial house arrest, learning Chinese and teaching in a girls' school. His three-year experience in China changed him: he learnt to receive, not just to give. He was humbled by the patience of his congregation as he struggled to communicate in Chinese and by the witness of many Christians who suffered for their faith. When it was no longer possible for missionaries to remain where they were, exercising the ministry of 'presence' in the midst of the people, he had to leave via a complicated journey down the Yangtze River, carrying a single bag of clothing, the only belonging he was allowed to take. The journey was both trying and dangerous. He had to tell his life story fourteen times in detail without variation to the police at every stop. Finally, he reached Hong Kong and continued onwards to England via Singapore on a slow boat.

Reunited with Eileen in England, they married in 1951. From their first meeting, she was a tremendous and creative support to him (for fifty years). From 1951-1954, Chris worked in the Missionary Education Department of the Methodist Missionary Society, promoting awareness and interest among young people (particularly in the Young Men's League) to the needs of the overseas church. He was offered a job in Panama but his strong calling to serve the Chinese people led him to choose an appointment to Singapore in 1954. There was a staff opening at Trinity Theological College for a British Methodist minister because British Methodist Hongkong students were sent there to be trained. As he taught New Testament, Church History and Religions to the students, he re-learnt his Chinese. His strong "Yunanese" accent had to make way for a more "Pekinese" one so that he could be understood by the local Chinese! His gift with Mathematics was put to good use as he was

given the responsibility of overseeing Trinity's finances. His sense of identification with the people whom he worked with was shown in one of his many thoughtful initiatives. A local lecturer (now retired), remembered him as the missionary who "fought for the local lecturers at Trinity to have the benefit of a Central Provident Fund". As a teacher, Chris could be demanding. He "stretched" his students. One Malaysian pastor remembered with gratitude how Chris specifically forbade him to attempt an easy question during an examination. A more difficult question was set specially for him because Chris considered him to be capable of tackling that. Ever sensitive to the needs of those who might have been forgotten by society in general, Chris and Eileen initiated visits to British military prisoners in the Changi jail. Children arrived for the Smiths during this period: David and the twins - Richard and Cathy.

After ten years at Trinity Theological College (1954-64), he became pastor of Wesley Methodist Church. During his six years there, he touched many lives. He helped to establish the work of the Methodist Children's Home, the AfterCare Association for discharged prisoners, the Churches' Counselling Centre and the Samaritans of Singapore (where he served as Deputy Director for many years). His involvement with the Counselling Centre and the Samaritans affected him: he learnt to listen and to work with a team. The ability to listen coupled with his natural care for and sensitivity to people's needs, had a profound effect on his ministry.

From 1970-75, Chris pastored Trinity Methodist Church where he had served as a founding associate minister several years before. The church grew under his ministry. Typical of Chris was his wholehearted giving of himself to his people. A Girls' Brigade captain remembered that when her husband died, Chris offered to stay overnight with her family in their bereavement. The Indian caretaker of the church recalled that during Holy Week when pews had to be moved for some services, Chris came and helped her carry the pews. Chris noticed the 'little people' in the crowd. Many in the church remembered him walking down from the pulpit during the singing of a hymn to hand his hymnal to an individual who did not have one. During a service organised by the youth of the Church for mental patients at Woodbridge Hospital, a scruffy, smelly patient requested a hug from Chris. Any eyewitness account reported that Chris threw open his arms and drew the man to himself, holding him in warm embrace for what seemed like a very long time. "If ever we saw the love of God in action, it was there". Among the fruits of Chris' labour at Trinity are two Singapore Methodist pastors for whom he was a "spiritual father" and a great influence respectively. A Methodist Church (The Methodist Church of the Incarnation) started more than ten years after Chris' departure from Singapore, claims the inspiration for its name and vision in Chris' foundational teaching and work with the youth of Trinity Methodist Church as he trained them to man the short-lived 'Open Door' Coffeehouse ministry.

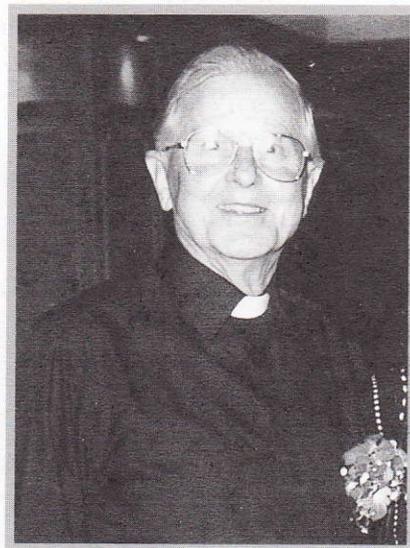
For family reasons, the Smiths returned home to England in 1975. Chris experienced a reverse cultural shock: he had to relearn about and adapt to British Methodism and cope with a heart attack. He served in the Sutton (Surrey) Circuit, pastoring Wallington and Bandon Hill Methodist Churches until 1983 when he became the Superintendent Minister of St. Alban's Circuit. While in St. Albans, he became, among other things, the Free Church ecumenical chaplain at St. Alban's Abbey, a position which he held until 1993. Although he 'retired' in 1988, he continued to preach and to tutor Methodist local preachers by correspondence. He was also Chaplain at the MacMillan-Runcie Day Hospice and was the Senior Chaplain at the Hospice Home Care Team. He died on 13 April 1997 on the 74th year of his life and the 50th year of his ministry.

A deeply caring, strong and sensitive pastor. A visionary leader and initiator. A creative, incisive and challenging teacher. An inspiring and gifted preacher. A Christ-centred and ecumenical Christian (with special love for the Roman Catholics). A trustworthy friend and confidante. A man of integrity, compassion and real humanity. A radical disciple of Christ. Chris Smith was all of these. Most of all, he personified and incarnated the love of Christ in much of his life and work. Through him, many people met Jesus, his Lord.

POSTSCRIPT

His last sermon was preached in the St. Alban's Abbey four days before he was admitted to hospital where he died one week later. It was fitting that the final thanksgiving for his life was held at the Abbey. In the procession of clergy there was a Methodist minister, a Superintendent and a Chairman, a Canon of the Abbey, two Roman Catholic priests, a Baptist and a Methodist minister from Singapore upon whose life he had been a key influence. The ecumenical congregation of 700 filled the nave. A Methodist led, a Christian actor-friend read an extract from Michael Quoist's "Prayers of Life". The scriptures were read by an Anglican priest, his son David paid tribute and a Roman Catholic priest – Chris' friend and former colleague, preached the sermon: a fitting summary of a man whose humility would have left him amazed that so many thought so much of him.

Rev Lorna Khoo



The late Rev. Christopher
Hulse Smith - September, 1996

CHURCH STAFF



From left: Mr Chia Boon Beng, Mrs Jenny Seow, Ms Lee Pak Lin, Mrs Wendy Phuah, Ms Elsie Teo and Mr Chua Hock Lai.

KINDERGARTEN STAFF



Standing: Mrs Sharon Lee, Ms Rajpal Kaur, Mrs Cynthia Liow, Mrs Elizabeth Fonseka and Ms Elizabeth Dui.
Seated: Mrs Janet Sathiasingam, Mrs Alice Lim (Principal) and Ms Margaret Heng.

LOCAL CHURCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 1996/1997



Back Row (standing)

Mr Cheng Shao Chuen
 Mr Richard Seng (Youth Ministry)
 Mr Christopher Sum (MYF)
 Mr Lai Kai Ming (Elective Steward)
 Mr Khoo Eu Kiong (Elective Steward)
 Mr Yip Fook Yoon (Elective Steward)
 Mr William Wilfred
 (Hon. Secretary & Social Concerns)
 Dr Khor Tong Hong (PPRC)
 Mr Ivan Tan (Ass Lay Leader)
 Mr Lee Park Ming (Missions)
 Mr Andy Chew (Music and Worship)

Front Row (seated)

Miss Elizabeth Lim (9am Church School)
 Miss Heather Pates (Hon. Treasurer)
 Miss Violet Khor (Ass Lay Leader)
 Rev Wee Boon Hup (District Superintendent)
 Mrs Jessie Loh (Pledge Treasurer)
 Mrs Janet Sathiasingam (WSCS President)
 Mrs Judy Yip (Elective Steward)

Middle Row (standing)

Rev Lim Jen Huat (Pastor-in-charge)
 Mr P Sathiasingam (Stewardship and Finance)
 Mr Chia Boon Beng (Local Preacher)
 Mr Tan Ee Beng (Vice-Chairperson)
 Mr David Tan (Chairperson)
 Mr David Lim (Property)
 Mr David Wee (Membership)
 Mr Wong Yow Chuen (Hon. Steward)
 Dr. Hum Sin Hoon (Lay Leader)
 Mr Victor Tan (Elective Steward)
 Mr Sim Cher Kee (Elective Steward)
 Rev Richard Tan (Pastor)

In Absentia

Mrs Lee Poh Lin (Asst Pledge Treasurer)
 Mr Tan Keng Hian (Asst Pledge Treasurer)
 Miss Tricia Yeo (Asst Secretary)
 Mr Benjamin Goh (Ass Lay Leader)
 Mr Noel Goh (11am Church School)
 Mr Ng Yean Kiat (Elective Steward)
 Mr Lawrence Pang (Hon Steward)

Full-Time Workers raised in TMC



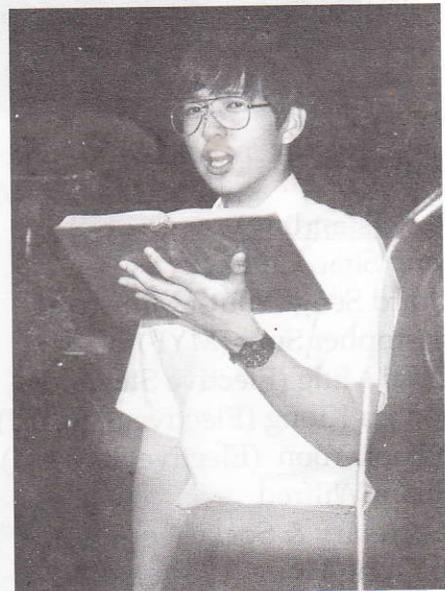
Rev Lorna Khoo



Rev & Mrs Gabriel Liew



Rev Malcolm Tan



Rev Kevin Lowe



Joyce Chew
- Diaconal Minister



Chia Boon Beng
- Lay Minister Staff

PREVIOUS PASTORS OF TMC

Rev Syn Wai Yin

Pastor (Dec 1956 - Nov 1957)

Rev Dr F. Olin Stockwell

Advisor to Rev Syn.

Rev Kenneth Chellappah

Student pastor (Dec 1957 - Dec 1959)

Rev Dr F. Olin Stockwell

Associate pastor

Mr Denis C Dutton

Student assistant

Rev Larry Cheah Chee Yoon

Pastor (Dec 1959 - Dec 1960)

Rev Christopher Smith

Associate pastor (Dec 1959 - Dec 1960)

Rev Christopher Smith

Pastor (Dec 1960 - Dec 1962)

Mr Peter Lee

Associate student pastor

Mr Andrew Lee

Lay Leader (Jan 1963 - Sept 1963)

Mr Tang Kin Wah

Student assistant

Rev Charles Grose

Pastor (Sept 1963 - Feb 1965)

Mr Wong Oon Thian

Associate pastor

**Mr Lim Huat Teng and
Ms Lam Mo Chi**

Student assistants

Mr Michael Wong

Pastor (Mid 1965 - End 1965)

Rev Dr F Olin Stockwell

Associate pastor

Rev Chew Hock Hin

Pastor (End 1965 - End 1970)

**Mr Tan Eng Seng and
Mr George Wee**

Student assistants

Rev Christopher Smith

Pastor (End 1970 - Mid 1975)

Mr Loune Afoa

Student assistant

Rev Daniel Tan

Pastor (Dec 1975 - End 1979)

Rev George Wan

Pastor (End 1979 - July 1981)

Rev Daniel Koh

Pastor (Aug 1981 - July 1986)

Rev Melvin Huang

Pastor (Aug 1986 - Dec 1994)

Rev Philip Lim

Associate pastor (1989 - July 1992)

Rev Kow Shih Ming

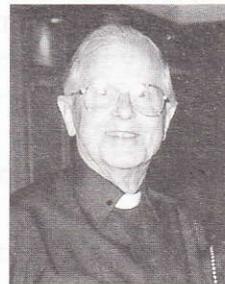
Associate pastor (Aug 1992 - Dec 1995)



Rev Syn Wai Yin



Rev Kenneth Chellappah



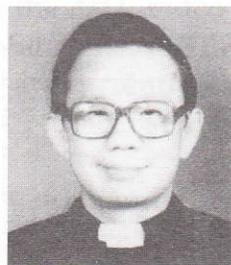
Rev Christopher Smith



Mr Andrew Lee



Rev Chew Hock Hin



Rev George Wan



Rev Melvin Huang



Rev & Mrs Daniel Tan



Rev & Mrs Philip Lim
& Anne



Rev & Mrs Daniel Koh
& Shihui



Rev & Mrs Kow Shih Ming

LAITY - Highlights of the Ministry

Over the last forty years, the lay leaders' objective had been to rally our entire congregation of lay people to practise the work and ministry of the church, just as the early Christians did in the Book of Acts. This basic objective has not changed; however, in the last three years, the lay leadership function has evolved towards a team approach comprising one lay leader and three associate lay leaders. Together, this lay leadership team work with the pastors and the rest of the church leadership to help design and implement the overall plan for the growth and ministry of our church.

More specifically, the team's focus has been in the areas of overseeing the planning of our church's 3-year plans, the monitoring and care of our church membership, the holistic ministry of our youths, and the adult and family life ministry within TMC.

Hence, we currently have Hum Sin Hoon serving as the lay leader, Violet Khor as the associate lay leader overseeing membership needs, Ivan Tan as the associate lay leader overseeing the youth ministry, and Benjamin Goh as the associate lay leader overseeing Christian education and various adult ministries.

Lately, we have been excited about God's call and vision for our church as we move into the 21st century. This vision is a basic call to be a healthy, balanced, Great Commission oriented church for His glory. May we therefore encourage you to pray and work together with us as we move purposefully into the next century.

Lastly, as we celebrate our 40th anniversary this year, we would like to take this opportunity to salute all lay persons at Trinity for their patient work of ministry over these four decades.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian education in TMC has been for the last 40 years evolving and improving although it is basically the communication of God's Word through various media. The following are the various ministries under the umbrella of the Committee on Christian Education which strive to fulfil this most challenging role in the present era.

There is the **Toddlers' Corner** where toddlers up to the age of 3 years old are cared for while their parents are freed to attend the 11am worship service. It is also an avenue for young parents of these toddlers to commit and volunteer themselves in the caring of these young ones. Many have benefited while serving in this ministry.

We have the **Church School** which is held every Sunday at 9am and 11am. The teachers in the Church School communicate the Word of God to children as young as 4 years old to youths of up to 18 years old. Each class is categorised under age groups so that specific topics are taught and appropriate methods of teaching are used. The rationale is to build and equip the children and youths with God's Word as they walk one of the most challenging marathons in their lives.

The **Adult and Family Life Ministry (AFLM)** has been set up to study and meet the christian education needs of our young adults, parents, grandparents and other adults who are in search of God's Word for guidance in their lives. Seminars and workshops are organised to meet the needs of the adult and family population of the congregation.

We have the **Resource Centre** where books, cassette tapes, compact discs and video tapes of varying topics (for various age groups) are made available to the members of the congregation. The aim of the Resource Centre is to provide christian resources for the young christian as well as the spiritually matured christian.

In the area of communicating God's Message, the **Drama and Music Fellowship (DMF)** and the **Audio and Visual Team (AVT)** attempt to present it in another way. The DMF uses drama, skits, mimes, music, songs and other theatrical effects to bring God's Word to His congregation. This ministry not only ministers in our local church, but also in other churches as well. As for the AVT, video and slide shows were presented during worship services. Some presentations include the history of our church and the various activities of our Committee. They are currently looking at new areas like multimedia presentations and video presentation of topical sermons.

We, the Committee on Christian Education, are looking beyond the year 2000 and will continue to minister and educate fellow brothers and sisters-in-Christ in God's most wonderful and precious Word for the next century and beyond.



Church School with
Nancy Tan



Christian Education's
Toddler's Corner



Church School
Outing - 1986



Church School
Christmas Item
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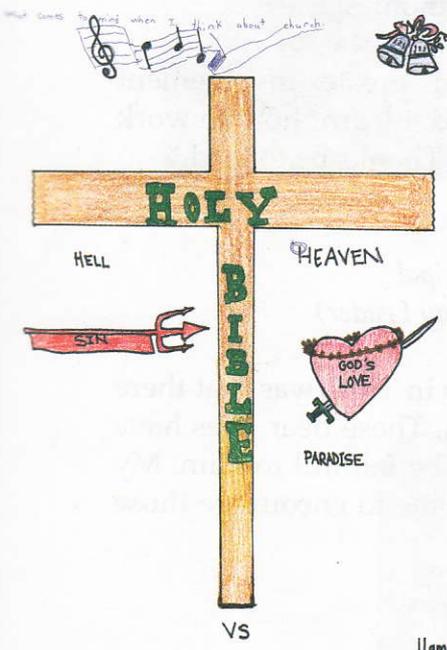
Church School's Montage

Topic - "Why do you like TMC?"

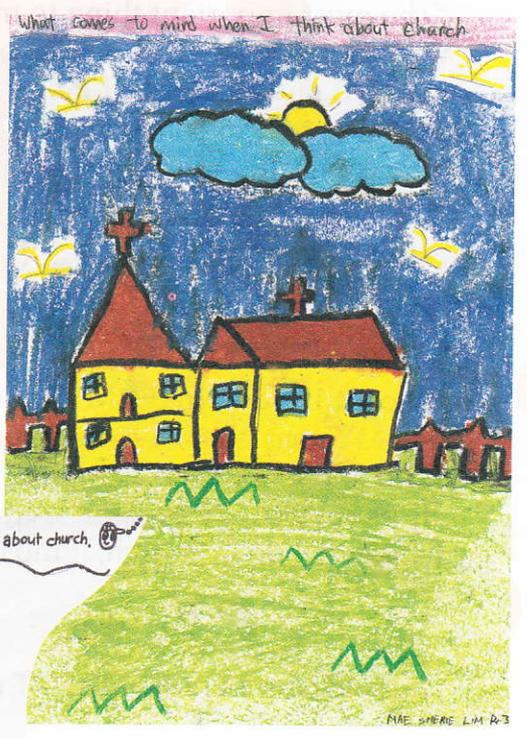


I LIKE "TMC" because...
 because...
 because...
 because...
 Aww...
 because of SUNDAY SCHOOL, I can get rid of my parents for a whole hour!
 ** Thank God for Sunday School.

I like TMC because the Sunday School teachers are very kind and good.



A place to play,
 a place to pray
 and a place to learn
 to put our trust in GOD!
 Yeah T.M.C.



T.M.C. is great.
 It has comps which are enriching,
 classes that are fun.

Lee Yuen Mei
 Pr 6
 11am

What comes to mind when I think about church?



Andrea Lim Ghuten Pr 3

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Our TMC youth is aged between 13 and 25 years and is characterised with boundless energy, radical views and idealistic notions with a strong desire to “change the world”.

In order to harness the energy of these “walking dynamos” into Christian service the MYF hopes to work closely with the Youth Ministry to:

- befriend them and understand their individual needs
- assimilate them into Small Groups with emphasis on spiritual growth
- nurture and equip them for service
- ensure their smooth transition from MYF to the Adult & Family Life Ministry and other areas of ministry.

Through various activities and programs such as evangelistic Christmas and Easter outreach, Youth Camps, Youth Worship and Celebration events and weekly meetings, we hope to organise the youth into a vibrant Christian fellowship. As TMC celebrates its 40th Anniversary, we can witness God’s faithfulness through the years, as we see the fruits of hard labour ripen in the form of home-grown pastors, LCEC leaders and full-time Christian workers the MYF has produced. Here are some of their testimonies:

“The MYF provided me with a stepping stone towards greater involvement with the life of the church and hence in service to God. I learnt how to work and play as members of a group and also how to lead. Thanks be to God.”

Violet Khor
School Principal
(Associate Lay Leader)

“The most important thing to me as I was growing up in TMC was that there were men and women who were role models of faith. These dear ones have inspired and challenged me to serve the Lord and to be faithful to Him. My prayer is that in some small way, He would also use me to encourage those who come after me.”

Ivan Tan
Lawyer
(Associate Lay Leader)

“I spent 17 years in the MYF and it has moulded me into the person I am now. The MYF has given me a very positive view of life and taught me management skills and to think problems through. It has taught me compassion and love for all people of any race or social standing. Most of all it has taught me that whatever I do in church, it must be Christ that is glorified and not myself.”

Lee Park Ming
Manager
(Missions Chairperson)

We, as a church, can also help by befriending the youth, encouraging them to channel their energies into Christian service and fulfil their dreams. But first we must walk with them in their journey of faith and be a role model by living the Christian life and setting our priorities right by reviving that old MYF motto of yesteryear:

“CHRIST ABOVE ALL”



Carolling - December 1976



MYF Retreat at Labrador Villa in 1976 with TTC Student Hermen Shastri



TMC's Contingent at MYF
Combined Games - '84/'85



MYF Committee
- '84/'85



MYF Outing to Bukit Timah
Nature Reserve - '84/'85



MYF Camp at
Geylang Methodist
School
" Learning to wash
another's feet"
- '84/'85



MYF Outing to Desaru - '87



MYFers on 2-week mission
trip to Sarawak - June '92



Playing games at the 1994 Youth
Camp at BB/GB Campsite

YOUTH MINISTRY

As we look back at the past forty years in the life of Trinity Methodist Church, it is very encouraging to note that TMC was started based on a vision given to a few people for the vicinity in Serangoon Gardens. Starting from a house meeting group, the Lord has enabled TMC to grow to what it is today.

Throughout the years, various youth-related ministries evolved to cater to the needs of the younger church members. One such ministry is the Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF), where youths could get together to encourage and build each other up in the faith. Leaders were also trained to receive the baton from earlier pioneers. Sunday School provided the spiritual intake of the Word to the youngsters through Christian Education. Nearer to the present, more youth-related ministries were formed, like the Drama & Music Fellowship (DMF) and 9 am Choir (now known as the Psalm 100 Choral Group). This helped harness the gifts that God had given our young people in serving the body of Christ and outreach.

As times changed, the church also saw how youths changed. With this in mind, there was a need to look into how we may, as a church, effectively rally our youths together as a body of Christ. Youth Ministry (YM) was started about 3 years ago in TMC with this intention.

YM seeks to create, by God's grace, that environment in which a youth can find a sense of belonging in church and receive biblical guidance in today's world. With a myriad of youth-related problems nowadays, it is necessary to find new and creative ways to minister to youths. After much seeking after the Lord, the vision was given to YM to creatively look into how a youth's life should encompass **Building** that person up spiritually and practically. **Equipping** our youths to share their lives as a witness to the Gospel, with the aim of **Winning** their peers to Christ, and in so doing, propagate a **Multiplying** process in the growth of the church.

MISSIONS

Trinity Methodist Church had a vision in 1993, a vision to stand up and answer the Great Commission set out by our Lord to "Go and make **disciples** of all nations....."

The vision has now become a reality. We adopted the Khmers of Cambodia as our unreached people group on November 20, 1994. Our members of TMC have been working together to fulfill this commission as entrusted to us by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

What is our strategy to reach the Khmers for Christ?

We would fail in our mission if we continue giving handouts. We believe that in telling the Khmers of the love of Jesus, we also need to show that love by teaching them how to earn an honest living. More than 50% of the population in Cambodia is made up of children under the age of twelve and we have decided that this should be our target group in reaching them for Christ. With this in mind, we decided to concentrate our efforts in 3 areas:

Church planting

Ministry to children

Vocational Training for adults and children

The task of putting up a building for a church and school, has been taken up by the Methodist Church in Singapore and this is now almost completed. The task of building and planting a congregation is now before us. TMC has been praying and planning to send our own missionaries to meet this challenge to build a community of believers among the Khmers. We have prayed and planned, and we praise the Lord that TMC is already preparing to send its own missionary to Cambodia as soon as 1998! But we still need more school teachers and workers.

TMC is meeting the challenge by also focusing on the underprivileged in society. We are reaching out to slum and street children through two organisations. "**Hope for Cambodia's Children**" (run by Ms Joke Opstaal) focus mainly on slum children in teaching them personal hygiene (like brushing their teeth and cleaning themselves after going to the toilet) and the Word of God. They have just embarked on a cell-group project to teach the Bible to the parents and older siblings of these children.

This year we also "adopted" the orphanage run by **Harvest International** (or World Evangelism Crusade (WEC))under Mr. G. Anbalagan. This orphanage takes children off the streets and provides them with a loving home environment as well as the means by which these children can receive an education. WEC has also now embarked on another project called the Mobile Drop-in Centre to provide long or short term assistance to street kids by encouraging them to make the orphanage their home or assist them to return to their families.

We are partnering with WEC, Horizons and some other churches in Singapore in running a vocational training project for children and adults. This project is headed by Mr. Norman Teece and Mr. G. Anbalagan. Students recommended by Non-Governmental Organisations are trained with a skill like sewing, craft skills like pottery, basket making, traditional weaving and vehicle servicing/repair. At the same time students are encouraged to have bible study during their training.

How can one get involved with Missions in Trinity?

We need people to:

Pray, pray and pray more (we need prayer partners).

Go on a Vision Trip to experience God and the people we have adopted, and be ready to be challenged by the Lord after the trip

Go on a Vacation-with-a-Purpose trip to Cambodia to see the work first-hand, if we are not ready for the rigours of a Vision Trip.

Be thick-skinned (to accept a lot of discouragement when there is no result).

But also be soft-hearted (to empathize with the Khmers that we are reaching).

Continue publicising the work which we support in Cambodia, to the church.

Be ready to work without any support behind the scenes.

Be ready to listen to God's call to go to the mission field.

Still continue believing when all others have given up.

One can say that missions work is indeed daunting. It has been said that you need to be a "different" sort of person to serve in missions (even being a bit crazy sometimes). If you are not discouraged when you see no results for a long time; if you are ready to drop on your knees to pray anytime; if you do not mind being jolted away from your comfort zone to do something unusual; if you are comfortable working where there is no structure and where it seems there is no direction and when you do not know what opportunities and problems will pop up next and you can still remain challenged and focussed - **WE NEED YOU IN MISSIONS - PLEASE TALK TO US!**



Andrew Lee and the
Sengois - Feb 1973
(standing fourth from left)

EVANGELISM - Sharing the Good News

Since the early days, TMC members have always played an active role in evangelism.

Remember the Billy Graham Crusade in December 1978? This was a major outreach project held in Singapore and many of our members were mobilised as counsellors, ushers and intercessors. This was followed by other evangelistic rallies such as the "Luis Palau Mission" in June 1986, "Reinhard Bonnke Mission" in June 1987 and the "Tony Campolo Rally" in January 1989.

Besides major rallies, we have also done our share of personal evangelism through the years. In 1983, Joyce Chew led a Sunday School outreach project in Kim Keat area and the Evangelism Committee shared the gospel once a month with 120 people at Upper Serangoon Shopping Centre. In April 1985, the MYF led an Hougang outreach project and not to be outdone, the Senior Sunday School Department organised an outreach project in Serangoon North in 1987.

Evangelistic musicals organised by TMC such as "**Friends Forever**" in July 1989 and "**Schemes, Lies and Video Screwtapes Exposed**" in July 1993 drew in crowds of 1000-1500 with many making decisions for Christ.

The Evangelism Committee has also participated actively in programs organised by TRAC especially the Christmas Media Campaign (1993 - 1996) and the Easter Outreach program (**Thank God it's Good Friday**). Evangelism Training Courses such as "**Caring Evangelism**" have also been conducted to equip members and follow-up workers.

This year, we celebrate 40 years of God's blessings to us as a church. We have tasted the goodness and the grace of the Lord! We have seen God's hand in blessing and keeping us. We should simply tell others of God's love and goodness.

After all, evangelism work should not be restricted to a few committee members. Everyone of us should do our part. Some of us may be discouraged that we don't have the gifts of evangelism like Billy Graham. We are not called to be Billy Grahams but to simply tell the world of what God has done for us.

Don't be discouraged with what you are not, start with what you are good at! The question is not "am I the evangelist type" but "what type of evangelist am I?". We should not be asking "do I have the right gifts for evangelism" but "how can my God-given gifts be used for evangelism".

- You can:
- make a pray-list of non-Christian friends
 - tell someone about what Jesus means to you
 - invite your non-Christian friends to an evangelistic meeting
 - build-up good friendships with non-Christians
 - share the love of Christ through social service
 - make a stand for Jesus in your work place
 - talk to your friends about your perspective on life

WOMEN'S SOCIETY FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

In late 1956, while Serangoon Gardens Estate was still under construction, a small group of married couples, most of them members of Wesleyan Home-makers Group, first began to envisage a Methodist Church to serve the growing population in the Estate. Under the leadership of Mr. Syn Wai Yin, a senior student of Trinity Theological College, and the direction of Dr. Olin Stockwell, the first Sunday service was conducted at one of the members' home on 17th March 1957.

On 4th March 1958, some women of the church, then known as the Methodist Church Serangoon Gardens met at the home of Rev. K. Chellappah who succeeded Rev. Syn as pastor. Thus began the formation of the Methodist Church Serangoon Gardens WSCS. Mrs. E. V. Davies, President of WSCS Singapore District and Mrs. Hu Chee Tong, President of Paya Lebar WSCS at that time, gave us guidelines and directions on the goals of the WSCS. Our first official meeting was held on 11th March 1958, with Mrs. Daisy Chellappah as the first President.

Monthly meetings were held at members' homes in rotation. Various handicraft classes were held on alternate Saturday evenings where members sewed children's dresses, painted lovely designs on porcelain, made beautiful mosaic vases etc. for our first fun-raising bazaar. Fellowship dinners and film shows were also held to raise funds for our church building. We are indeed very grateful to the presidents of the other sister societies who came to our monthly meetings to encourage and share with us. Amongst our speakers we had some very distinguished and faithful women of God, namely Mrs. Esther Stockwell, Mrs. Ho Seng Ong, Mrs. Amstutz, Mrs. Tay Poh Luan and Mrs. Eileen Smith.

In November 1962, the WSCS Serangoon Garden was re-named Trinity Methodist Church WSCS. The following persons have served as Presidents: Mrs. Daisy Chellappah (pioneer), Mrs. Lee Poh Lin (1958-60), Mrs. Nancy Tan (60-61), Mrs. Ruth Tong (61-63), Mrs. Mabel

Goh (63-65), Mrs. Rosie Leong (65-67), Mrs. Lee Poh Lin (67-73), Mrs. Catherine Pang (73-75), Mrs. Violet Seah (75-77), Mrs. Daisy Lai (77-81), Mrs. Patricia Chia (81-83, 85-86), Mrs. Lydia Han (83-85), Mrs. Violet Seah (86-89), Mrs Yip Syn Wun (90-93) and Mrs Janet Sathiasingam (94-97).



WSCS Spiritual Retreat "A Day Apart"
at Dr Mathy's house - Oct 9, 1993

During the years of 1983 to 1986 due to the small attendance of our members at our devotional and fellowship meetings, combined meetings with Paya Lebar WSCS were often held.

In 1986, it was decided that we revive the attendance at our meetings. A two-fold objective was adopted:-

1. To strengthen the fellowship among the members of the WSCS executive committee.
2. To invite more ladies to our meetings.

A small group was started among the ladies of the WSCS. It was a time of sharing, prayer and bible study and the book 'Being a Woman of God' was used as a guide. A second Bible study session was also started for ladies on Sundays before the morning service. A more varied programme was planned e.g. cooking classes, outings, talks on skin care, family retreat, in order to attract more ladies into the fellowship and to cater to their various needs.

Today, with an increased church population and particularly with the majority of ladies working, the task of the WSCS is ever more challenging - to encompass all ladies of the church into the fellowship of the WSCS, to provide the avenue through which the ladies can grow spiritually, can work and serve together as one 'Body in Christ', and to reach out to the unsaved, in other words, to know Him and to make Him known.

WSCS Walkathon
"Walking with Jesus" -1985



TMC Family Retreat at
Port Dickson 4-6 June, 1988

As a result of this, for the last decade our programmes have been geared towards the following:-

**1. Knowing God's Word :
(Spiritual Growth)**

Bible Study group on Wed. nights & Friday mornings

2. Prayer Life :

Prayer Retreats, Prayer Seminars with TRAC and G.C. Sisters and Spiritual Life Programmes. Prayer chain every Thursday night.

3. Witnessing/Outreach:

Visits to Whampoa Home for the Aged Sick, the Hiding Place, Helping Hand and shut-ins, ESN work at No.12 Mt. Sophia, Teaching (private tuition) to children of blind parents.

**4. Fellowship (Caring & Sharing) :
(Building up one another)**

Yearly outings, Pot luck meals, carolling to shut-ins, Hospice care, Fund raising through 'Joy Stalls', Participation in mission trips.

5. Participation in Church Life:

- a) Ushers, Worship leaders
- b) preparing breakfast for Sunrise Service
- c) WSCS Sunday / Mothers' Day
- d) Family Church Camp
- e) Helping the church kindergarten during concerts.

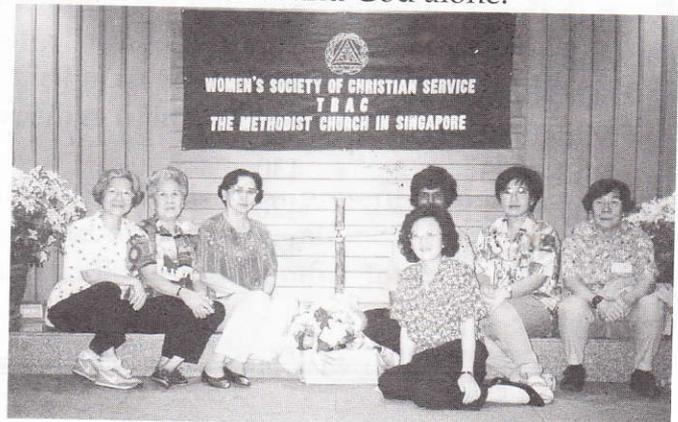
We have been actively participating in TRAC Retreats and General Conference gatherings. In so doing, we learn to interact and be part of the big family of God. Truly this is one area through which we grow not only spiritually but also socially – to come and to share our gifts, our talents and our time.

Our membership still stands at 58. We are indeed thrilled to see some of our sisters who were the pioneers of the ladies group in Trinity some 40 years ago still keen supporters of our programmes.

We are encouraged by their fervour and zest and we do believe that we would be able to run the race placed before us with our eyes focussed on God and God alone.

Praise be to God.

WSCS TRAC Conference at
Phuket - September 1994



MEMBERSHIP

As we celebrate God's faithfulness and grace throughout the past four decades, we would like to reflect on our role and participation in the life of the Church. How faithful have we been in fulfilling our duties as members of the Methodist Church in Trinity? How much significance and value do we place on our membership? Do we feel that we have grown stronger in our faith in God and have forged more meaningful relationships and participation in the corporate life of the church than when we first became a member? These are some of the questions we could examine for ourselves this Anniversary year. We pray that as we reflect together on such questions, the Lord will bless our deliberations and guide us to respond in greater commitment and service to His Church as we head towards the next millenium.

In Trinity Methodist Church the activities for Membership are co-ordinated by the Membership Committee. The Committee works with the pastors in building the "body life" amongst members of TMC by attempting to generate their interest in getting directly involved in at least one aspect of church activities. Our ministry also includes support and care-giving to members in bereavement or illness and visitation of members. Throughout the 40 years, various Membership Chairpersons for example, Mr. Lai Men Soe and Mr. Wong Yow Chuen with their committee members have laboured faithfully to fulfil the above objectives and the baton is now handed to the present committee to carry on with the Ministry.

We thank the Lord for this privilege and we pray that we as members of Trinity Methodist Church will grow as a body to be faithful stewards for our God Almighty.

MEMBERSHIP ROLL

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number of members</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number of members</u>
1956	28	31-7-86	458
End 1961	57	31-7-87	492
Jan. 1964	69	31-7-88	528
1966	75	31-7-89	542
End 1970	246	31-7-90	555
End 1972	269	31-7-91	591
End 1975	313	31-7-92	631
Mid-1981	425	31-7-93	663
Mid-1982	427	31-7-94	688
Mid-1983	430	31-7-95	720
31-7-84	426	31-7-96	742
31-7-85	430		

WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY

This 40th Anniversary Year allows us to reflect on our Worship & Music ministry. It was first introduced in the 60s when the church building was erected on the present ground we stand. It started with a group of people coming together to form a choir and it was Mr. Andrew Lee who initiated this idea.

As years went by, with the church growing in numbers and in service, the ministry was expanded with other related groups integrating under the umbrella of what is now known as the Worship and Music ministry.

As we serve the Lord and the members throughout these years, we sought Him for an objective and have thus come out with one main focus and that is the ministry seeks to minister to the Lord and His people through worship.

Our main emphasis for those who are currently serving and are contemplating to serve are as follows:

- a) Training people for service in the various areas of the ministry as in
 - i) The Band (Ashley Choo)
 - ii) The Psalm 100 Choral Group (Tricia Yeo)
 - iii) The 11 am Choir (Selena Chua)
 - iv) Ushering (Stephen Loh)
 - v) Flower Arrangement (Church Office)
 - vi) Communion Helpers (Church Office)
 - vii) P.A. System (Ashley Choo)
 - viii) Pianist/Organist (Church Office)
 - ix) Bulletin Ministry (Church Office)
 - x) Praise and Worship (Andy Chew)
- b) Helping people deepen their spiritual life through service.
- c) Enhancing the Sunday worship experience through the improvement of physical facilities and space.

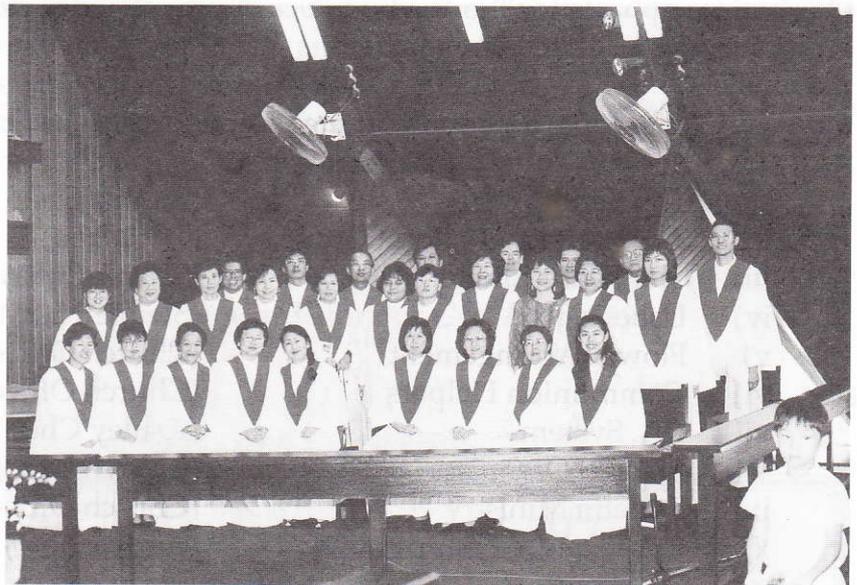
It is our prayer that through worship, training, the emphasis on deepening the spiritual life and the upgrading of the physical facilities, we will allow the congregation in our church to comprehend the meaning of being *"a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that they may truly declare the praises of Him who called them out of darkness into His marvelous light"*. (1 Peter 2:9)

Our prayer for those who are not serving in any ministry at present is to perhaps think about offering your assistance in any of the above areas mentioned. Please feel free to approach the relevant persons mentioned or call the church office for more information.

We praise the Lord for His goodness and faithfulness all these years and we pray that we will continue to grow in Him as we serve.



TMC Choir - 1972



TMC Choir - 1991



TMC Choir - 1994

TMC KINDERGARTEN

After the Trinity Education Centre was completed in 1985, the Church envisaged a need to reach out to the very young by providing proper Nursery education.

On January 7th, 1987, the TMC Nursery got off the ground with an enrolment of 30 children, 1 supervisor, 1 teacher and 1 full-time helper/teacher from the Church.

This steadily grew to 53 children, 1 supervisor and 3 full-time teachers by September 1987. With God's grace and the hard work of Mr. Robert Cheok and Mrs. Alice Lim, the TMC Kindergarten was finally registered with the Ministry of Education on March 24th, 1990 and a Management Committee was set up.

The following advertisement placed in a family magazine tells us about TMC Kindergarten and what it has to offer your child:

"At TMC Kindergarten, we are committed to providing a conducive and stimulating environment for your child to learn and develop his/her skills early. We have well-trained teachers who are also caring and dedicated to their profession.

Our Nursery classes for the 3 years olds will introduce your child to the concepts and skills required for early development and prepare him/her for K1 & K2. Our Kindergarten 1 & 2 classes for the 4 & 5 year olds teach English, Mathematics, Mandarin and Christian Education.

Optional computer courses are also available. The Ednoland software Package which is a well-recognised computer aided education programme for pre-schoolers is used. Stimulated learning through play activities like music and movement, art & craft are also emphasised in our curriculum."

We are most grateful to all staff and volunteers over the last decade, for their dedication and commitment in making the TMC Kindergarten a viable ministry.

TMC Kindergarten



Indoor Play - Watch Out here I come !



Outings are great fun!

It is Sing - a - long time with Pastor Mel



Me, Chief Robert Cheek - and these are my papooses!

SOCIAL CONCERNS - Sharing the love of Christ with the poor and needy

The main outreach programme of our Social Concerns Committee is to fellowship with the residents of Woodbridge Hospital and Pelangi Home at Hiding Place on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Our friends are mostly Christians of various denominations, some of whom have accepted the Lord through our fellowship with them.

The worship service with the residents is informal, more like a Sunday School session where we open with prayer, followed by singing songs of praise, individual participation, a lesson from the Bible and written activity. You see, our friends at Woodbridge Hospital and Pelangi Home are like children minus their precociousness. They are indeed lovable. They hold no grievances against their kinfolk for admitting them in the hospital or for neglecting to visit them. Perhaps a better understanding of our friends could be achieved by describing some of them:

- (a) *Lily, aged 40, was abandoned by her parents when she was very young because she has fits. Initially she was brought up by the Salvation Army and later hospitalised in Woodbridge Hospital. She reads well and knows most of the popular hymns by heart. Lily helps the nurses in her ward to take care of those who are unable to help themselves. She is always cheerful and loves to sing.*
- (b) *Ah Lan, aged 33, was admitted to Woodbridge Hospital three years ago by her sister because she has a violent temper. With treatment, Ah Lan has improved in her behaviour that now she is allowed to take up employment in a chicken rice stall in the hospital canteen. Though she is not a Christian, she believes in Jesus and often asks us to pray for her to do her job well and quickly so that her "boss" will not shout at her. She is excited and thrilled at earning about \$150/- per month. It makes me feel so humble that when I receive my salary slip, I thank the Lord for his blessing and pray for those who are unemployed that they may have the joy of receiving an income too.*
- (c) *Mui Mui, aged 38, has been in Woodbridge Hospital since she was 17 years old. She is intelligent and loves the Lord. She loves to write, so most of us receive at least one letter from her per week. However, she lacks confidence in herself and feels secure in the hospital.*

You will see from the above description of our friends that they are neither violent nor unruly people as most people would imagine them to be. I have yet to encounter an unpleasant experience in the three years I have come to know them.

Most of the members of TMC Social Concerns Committee will agree with me that we are more blessed in our fellowship with our friends than we ever expected to be. We thought we were serving Him but instead we receive an insight of His Kingdom on earth. We are thankful to God for giving us the ability to cope under pressure, confidence in oneself and self-worth. God has revealed through our friends that He is in control and He is indeed Love. He has given our friends child-like mentalities where life is transient and "the things" of the world grow strangely dim to them. They are happy and content to be in hospital which is their sanctuary. No indeed, you need not pity them because they do not pity themselves. When I think of our friends at Woodbridge Hospital and the Pelangi Home I

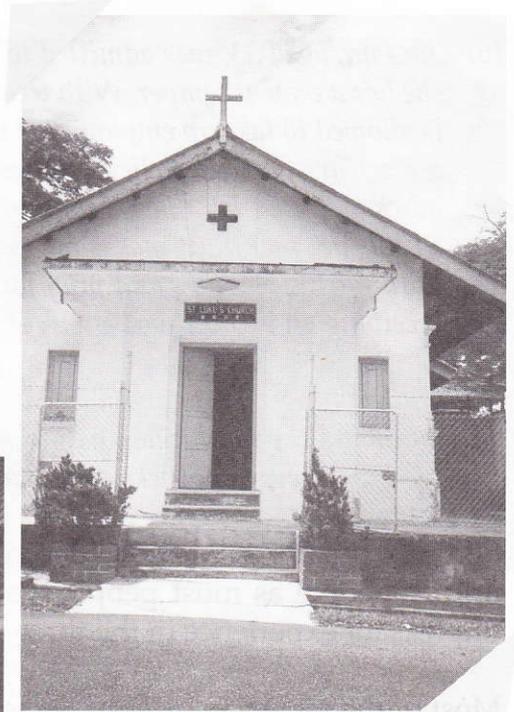
am reminded of what Jesus said *"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these"*. (Matt 19:14)

- the above extract was written by Mrs Emily Wilfred, TMC Social Concerns Chairperson in 1990 and appeared in the Methodist Message August 1990 Issue.



St Peter's / TMC's Visitation to Woodbridge Hospital - 1961

St Luke's Chapel at Woodbridge Hospital in the 70's to early 90's



Pelangi Home ministry started in mid - 70's



Prayer & Praise at St Luke's Chapel for Woodbridge & Pelangi inmates - 1986



Christmas Party at St. Luke's Chapel - 1990



Visit to Pelangi Home organised by Good Neighbours & TMC - 1994

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Looking back 40 years when TMC was founded in the 50's and it's present state of ministry in this community and beyond, one would wonder with amazement that, truly God's hand has been at work and faith in His promise to prosper the work started in His name.

What made Trinity and it's on-going work a reality, was the strong sense of commitment of it's members and friends in the principles of Christian stewardship, which is "the practice of systematic and proportionate giving of time, abilities and material possessions and these are a trust from God, to be used in His service for the benefit of all mankind in grateful acknowledgement of Christ's redeeming love."

Historically, the Church's financial year starts on 1st August and ends on 31st July the following year. In stewardship, the main emphasis is on the financial planning of the income and expenditure budget of the Church and the ways and means of raising funds to support the various on-going programmes of the Church.

Our priority is the maintenance of the local church work of the various program committees and the mandatory support, under the connectional system, for the General Conference / Annual Conference and it's agencies.

Contributions of members go to the following:

- For the support of various ministries
- Outreach Projects i.e. support of missionaries in Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam and for relief aid to countries with natural disasters.
- Local Church administration and staff costs
- Support of Trinity Annual Conference

You can be involved in Christian stewardship by praying for:

- God's guidance to use you in His service through TMC
- God's guidance in the use of His gifts to you i.e. wealth, talents and service
- Approval and funding of the proposed Hougang Community Outreach project
- Commitment already made to adopt the Khmers and the Methodist work in Cambodia
- Wisdom in the proposed re-development of the Church premises to cater for our needs as we enter the year 2000

We urge you to renew your pledge to support TMC in it's work to bring people to Christ.

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH 40TH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Special Sundays / Events</u>
3 September 1996	Christopher Smith's Night Lectures
4 September 1996	Christopher Smith's Night Lectures
5 September 1996	Christopher Smith's Night Lectures
8 September 1996	40 th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service
29 September 1996	Methodist Youth Fellowship Service
13 October 1996	Laity Sunday
10 November 1996	Membership Sunday
24 December 1996	Carols by Candlelight
31 December 1996	Watchnight Covenant Service
January 1997	Evangelism Emphasis month
5 January 1997	New Year Sunday
12 February 1997	Ash Wednesday Service
23 February 1997	Worship & Music Dedication Service
9 March 1997	Christian Education Sunday
24-28 March 1997	Holy Week
30 March 1997	Easter Sunrise Service / Easter Cantata
20 April 1997	Christian Social Concerns Sunday
1 May 1997	Car Rally
11 May 1997	Mother's Day
18 May 1997	Pentecost Sunday / WSCS Sunday
25 May 1997	Aldersgate Sunday
June 1997	Missions Month
22 June 1997	Missions Sunday / Father's Day
July 1997	Stewardship Month
3 August 1997	Pledge Sunday

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Former Bishop Ho Chee Sin saying grace before the sumptuous lunch at Northern Palace Restaurant on 8 September, 1996.



Our Guests-of-Honour, Rev. & Mrs Christopher Smith cutting the Anniversary Cake.



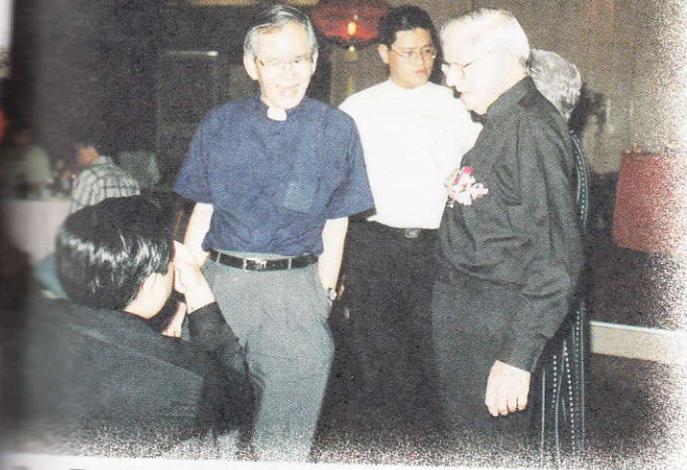
Singing praises to the Lord.



Andy Chew doing a wonderful job as M.C. for the Anniversary lunch program.



A re-union with old friends.



Rev Dr Clarence Lim having a chat with Rev Melvin Huang and Rev Christopher Smith.



Farewell dinner to the Smiths at RELC.



Mrs Eileen Smith with the TMC ladies at the Changi Airport.



Say cheese, Rev Smith!

MILESTONES IN TMC'S HISTORY



The First Decade: 1956 - 1966

- Late 1956 Small group of married couples in Serangoon Garden Estate envisaged a Methodist Church to serve this growing community.
- December 1956 Malaya Annual Conference at Ipoh appointed Syn Wai Yin (a senior Trinity College student) to begin work in Serangoon Gardens. Dr F. Olin Stockwell, lecturer at Trinity College, provided spiritual leadership by building up the congregation and nurturing Trinity students by exposing them to work in Serangoon Gardens.
- 9 March 1957 First meeting of Small Group
- 17 March 1957 First Sunday service by Mr Syn Wai Yin at home of Mr and Mrs Tong Kum Toh at 85, Cowdray Avenue.
- 5 May 1957 First Sunday School class at home of Mr and Mrs Tan Hoay Gie at 15 Huddington Avenue with Mrs Nancy Lee as Superintendent.
- 24 November 1957 First service held at 4:30 pm at St Peter's Church, sharing premises with the Anglican Brethren.
- 25 November 1957 TMC officially constituted as part of the Singapore Methodist District of the Malaya Annual Conference at the first Quarterly Conference. Reverend Syn Wai Yin, who had been ordained, left us for further studies in the United States of America.
- December 1957 Mr Kenneth Chellappah succeeded Reverend Syn as a Student Pastor with Dr F. Olin Stockwell as Associate Pastor and Mr Denis C. Dutton as Student Assistant.
- 4 March 1958 WSCS was inaugurated with Mrs Daisy Chellappah as its first President.
- 9 March 1958 Mr Tong Kum Toh was elected by Quarterly Conference as Chairman of the Church Building Fund Committee.
- End 1958 Church purchased a piece of land at the junction of Lichfield Road and Serangoon Garden Way for \$60,000 for a church and parsonage.
- 31 October 1959 Church Fair was held at St Peter's Church to raise \$2,500. First Methodist Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan, donated US \$5,000.
- December 1959 Mr Larry Cheah Chee Yoon was appointed Pastor and Reverend Christopher Smith (Methodist Church of Great Britain and lecturer at Trinity College) was Associate Pastor.
- Easter Day 1960 Members pledged \$11,000 towards Building Fund.
- July 1960 Trinity MYF was formed with Ms Lucy Lau as First President.
- September 1960 Mr William Lim of Malayan Architects Co-partnership was engaged to prepare building plans.
- December 1960 Reverend Christopher Smith was appointed Pastor by Annual Conference with Mr Peter Lee, Trinity College student, as Associate Student Pastor.
- 11 June 1961 First MYF meeting held with Dr Olin Stockwell preaching.
- End 1961 Membership had increased from 28 to 57 and debt for site was fully settled. Board of Trustees of the Methodist Church loaned \$60,000 for the building project.
- 8 May 1962 The Official Church Board accepted a tender of \$66,000 from Overseas Construction Company for construction of the Sanctuary.

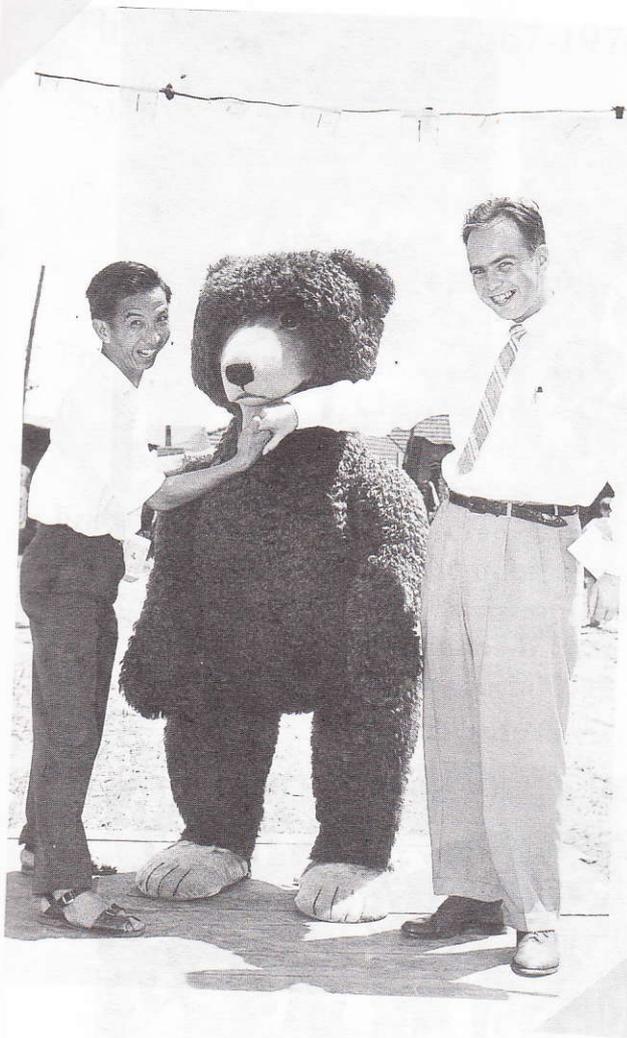
- June 1962 Second Grand Fair was organised under patronage of Mrs Celeste B. Amstutz, wife of Bishop Amstutz. It raised over \$5,000.
- 10 June 1962 Ground Breaking Service at the Church site with Dr Olin Stockwell preaching. Construction work started the next day under the supervision of Mr Tong Kum Toh and Mr P. Sathiasingam.
- 31 December 1962 Candlelight Watchnight Service was held in partially completed church preceded by a farewell dinner to Reverend and Mrs Smith.
- 17 February 1963 The church was officially declared open for services by Bishop H. B. Amstutz. Lay leader, the late Mr Andrew Lee and Trinity student Mr Tang Kin Wah took charge of the church services.
- January 1964 Membership increased to 69 and Sunday School attendance continued to grow.
- 1 May 1964 Grand Fair was held under patronage of Mrs Eileen Smith to raise \$8,000 for the Building Fund.
- 21 February 1965 Dedication ceremony for the Church was officiated by Bishop Robert F. Lundy.
- Late 1965 Reverend Chew Hock Hin was appointed to TMC where he served 5 years. A full church choir under able leadership of Mrs Chew Chin Jin was formed.



Our Pioneers at Serangoon Gardens - late 50's

Outside St. Peter's Church around 1960. Can you spot Lucy Lau and Lee Park Yan ?





2nd Grand Fair 1962 - Andrew Lee and the CK Tang Bear loaned to TMC for 'fund-raising'.



2nd Grand Fair 1962 - Guess who's serving cake ?



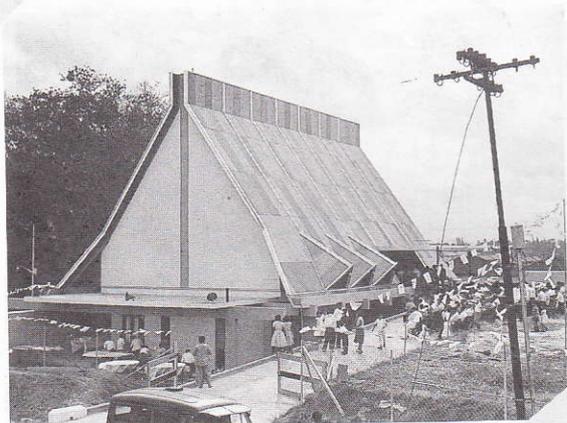
Ground Breaking Ceremony - June 10, 1962 with Lawrence Pang doing the honours.



The 1st MYF started in 1961



A Youth get-together



TMC Opening Ceremony - Feb 17, 1963
Notice the tent - shaped roof !



Sunday School kids celebrating
Palm Sunday in the early 60's.



Christmas Carolling in the late 60's.

The Second Decade: 1967-1976

- 26 February 1967 TMC bade farewell to Dr and Mrs Olin Stockwell at the Anniversary Service
- 17 August 1967 The **Trin Fair '67** was held to raise funds under the patronage of Mrs Goh Keng Swee. Over \$5,000 was raised. With this and many other fund raising projects, the building debt was completely paid off by August 1970.
- End 1970 Membership increased from 75 in 1966 to 246 by end 1970. Reverend Chew retired as Pastor Emeritus and Reverend Christopher Smith was appointed as pastor assisted by Trinity College student, Mr Loune Afoa of the Samoan Methodist Church.
- End 1972 Membership increased to 269. MYFers constructed a concrete pavement for recreational purposes which doubled up as a parking area. Extension at back of the basement was designed by Property Chairman Mr Pang Kia Seng, adding more space for Sunday School and the Social Hall.
- Mid 1975 Church bade farewell to Reverend and Mrs Christopher Smith.
- End 1975 Membership increased to 313. Mr Andrew Lee took charge of the church again until the appointment of Mr Daniel Tan in December 1975, who was admitted on trial by Annual Conference.
- 1976 LCEC appointed Peter Lai and Lawrence Pang to form a Planning Committee to look into church extension.



Our Guest of Honour,
Mrs Goh Keng Swee
cutting the ribbon to
declare the 1967 Fun
Fair Open.

Mrs Eileen Smith and the
TMC Members at a
Serangoon Gardens
home - late 60's.





Can you remember the occasion ? The year ?



Sunday School Teachers - 1970



Christmas Pageant - 1973



TMC bids Farewell to
the Smiths - 1975

The 3rd Decade: 1977 - 1986

- February 1978 Addition to back of sanctuary was completed at a cost of \$175,000 inclusive of furniture and alteration to the basement.
- 8 April 1978 Musical Night was held at Victoria Theatre by the Belcanto Singers produced by Mrs Lilian Choo and directed by Tonni Wei. Trinity's takings for the musical was \$6, 999.
- 9 September 1978 The extension was dedicated by Bishop Kao Jih Chung.
- 6-10 December 1978 Billy Graham Crusade with TMC participation in counselling and ushering.
- 31 December 1979 Farewell cum welcome dinner held for Reverend and Mrs Daniel Tan, and Dr George Wan and family.
- 1980 The late Mr Andrew Lee was a pioneer for Sengoi work and to perpetuate his memory, 2 funds were set up for Sengoi training and Trinity Theological Scholarship Fund with \$5,000 and \$2,000 respectively.
TMC donated \$20,000 towards Ang Mo Kio Methodist Church project in addition to an interest free loan of \$50,000.
TMC donated \$10,000 to the Paya Lebar Methodist Girls' School Building Fund in memory of the late Reverend and the late Mrs Chew Hock Hin.
- 1980 - July 1981 Reverend George Wan started the Contemporary Choir and Contemporary Service every 3rd Sunday of the month. MYF, MAF and Small Groups contributed towards meaningful fellowship and group interaction. Adult Bible Class was started on Sunday mornings to enable parents to spend time profitably while waiting for their Sunday School children. The membership grew to 425 during this time. Church extension named "Trinity Education Centre" was approved by LCEC to meet increasing demands on space and facilities. This cost approximately \$1 million. TEC was completed in 1985.
- 1 August 1981 Daniel Koh Kah Soon, a Trinity College graduate waiting to be admitted on trial by Annual Conference, was appointed Pastor.
- 22 August 1982 WSCS cooked dinner for Whampoa Methodist Home residents. They had a sing-a-long session and Mrs Wei taught some Cantonese hymns.
- 11 September 1982 TMC celebrated its 25th Anniversary with a Dinner program including musical items, a Sunday School sketch and slide presentation. Reverend Dr. Olin Stockwell was present to cut the Anniversary Cake.
- 24 September 1982 A combined "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" service was held with Paya Lebar WSCS. Reverend Lorna Khoo delivered the message and the offering collected was in aid of TRAC projects.
- 9-10 October 1982 TRAC WSCS Conference was held at Apollo Sentosa and was attended by the President, Vice-President and 2 observers.
- 1983** Church Theme: Church and Mission
Theme Song: The Chosen People
Theme Verse: 1 Peter 2:9



Christmas Carolling -
December 1978.



Methodist Adult
Fellowship (MAF)
Bible Study behind
the Sanctuary - 1979.



Church Bible camp
at Sentosa with Rev
George Wan - 1980.

- 1983
- Once a month "Singspiration" was introduced at our regular morning services to enrich our corporate worship experience.
- Sunday School Outreach project to Kim Keat Area led by Ms Joyce Chew bore fruit with 13 children and 1 adult coming regularly to Sunday School made possible by free transport provided by us.
- Evangelism Committee shared the gospel every last Sunday of the month with 120 people in Upper Serangoon Shopping Centre. In addition, Chinese and English tracts were distributed.
- 20 March 1983
- In-house drive to fund TEC Building Fund project was launched. TRAC Council of Missions organised a joint mission trip to the Karo Highlands and Dr Khor Thong Hong was its Team Leader and Medical Advisor.
- Membership Committee was formed. In the past, the function was under the Membership and Evangelism Committee. The primary responsibility was to care for the temporal and spiritual welfare of members through lay visitation of the sick and elderly and starting a Small Group Ministry.
- 16 April 1983
- Our WSCS held a combined meeting with Paya Lebar WSCS at a bungalow in Ponggol - "Sharing and Family Fellowship".
- 1984
- Church Theme: Christianity is the Way of Life
- Theme Song: Father, I Thank You
- Theme Verse: Phil 1:27a
- 21 February 1984
- Malcolm Tan was recommended for Minister-On-Trial Programme during the first local conference subject to his passing from TTC. Planning approval was given for the building of the TEC by the authorities.
- 28 April 1984
- First Gospel Rally was held with 140 people in attendance. The gospel was portrayed by a team of youth from YWAM, Belgium.
- April 1984
- Choir presented "The Crucifixion", a cantata by John Steiner on Good Friday.
- Church Extension Committee was formed under the chairmanship of Mr Pang Kia Seng to oversee the planning and construction of the TEC.
- 24 June 1984
- Second Gospel Rally was held with 200 people in attendance. Programme involved a sketch, song item, film show "Joni" and message.
- November 1984
- Work on TEC was scheduled to commence at a total cost of approximately \$1.5 million and was scheduled to be completed in September 1985.
- 24 December 1984
- Carols by Candlelight Service was held and collections from service was given to the Ethiopian victims.
- 1985
- Methodist Church Centennial Year (1885-1985)
- Theme Verse: Zechariah 4:6
- Theme Song: Sweet, Sweet Spirit
- 24 February 1985
- Centennial Worship Service held.
- 7 - 9 March 1985
- TMC participated in Methodist Centennial Evangelistic Festival at Wesley.
- April 1985
- MYF conducted an outreach programme in Hougang estate to spread the Gospel.
- 31 May - 5 June 1985
- Centennial Youth Camp at NTI with 300 participants. 200 came forward and 90 dedicated themselves for full-time ministry.

MYF Carollers -
December 1981.



TMC celebrates its
25th Anniversary in
the church grounds
- September 1982.

Church Camp at
Loyang - 1983.



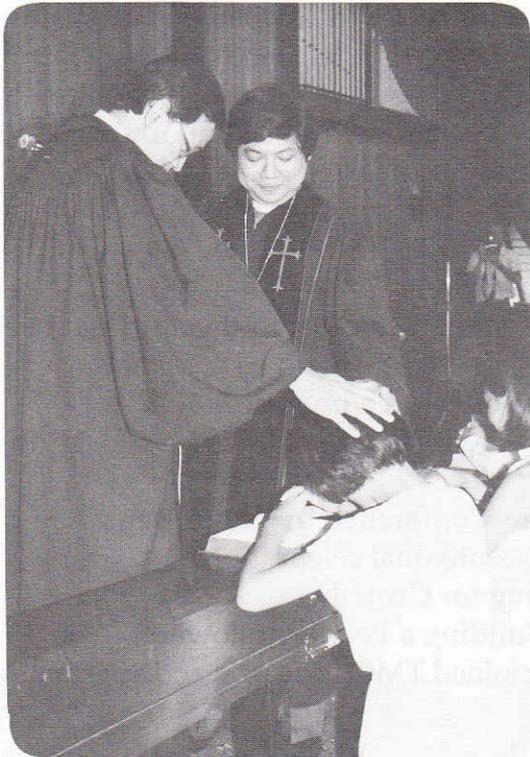
- May 1985 Young Adult Ministry was launched as a means of channelling young adults into small groups for bible study and prayer.
- 20 June 1985 A walkathon was jointly organised by Sunday School and MYF under the leadership of Eugene Lim and a sum of \$16,052.65 was raised for the Trinity Education Centre.
- Mid 1985 Formation of the Senior Adult Fellowship under the co-ordinator, Mr Wong Yow Chuen. Activities include the "Glee Club", early morning walks and folk-dancing.
Filipino Fellowship was started to cater to the spiritual needs of domestic helpers.
- 6 September 1985 Anniversary Dinner held on church premises.
- 8 September 1985 TMC's 29th Anniversary with Bishop Ho Chee Sin giving the message.
- December 1985 Local Church joined the Conference in the presentation of the "Messiah" as part of the centennial celebrations.
- 1986
Church Theme: Equipping for Growth
Theme Song: "For I'm Building a People of Power."
- 1 January 1986 Reverend Melvin Huang joined TMC as deacon and assistant pastor to Reverend Daniel Koh.
- Early 1986 Completion of TEC building.
- 18 May 1986 5 pm service was converted to Prayer and Praise, a charismatic form of worship with testimonies and guest speakers.
- 1-7 June 1986 Luis Palau Singapore Mission with TMC participation in prayer, counselling and follow-up.
- 31 July 1986 Reverend Daniel Koh ended his term of office after 5 years at TMC for further studies at Dallas, USA with his wife, Diana.
- 1 August 1986 Reverend Melvin Huang took over responsibility as pastor.
- 8-10 August 1986 MAF held a Council Members Retreat at Ladyhill Hotel to focus on MAF ministry for the new church year.
- 1 November 1986 Church Planning Retreat was held.
- December 1986 Reverend Melvin Huang was ordained as elder.
Completion of Resource Centre in the Church basement with book lending transactions rising to 1,000. Sermon and musical titles were added.



Parish meeting at Mr E.K. Khoo's house - January 1985

Trinity is 29!
- Anniversary Dinner was held in the sanctuary - September 1985





Baptism by Rev. Daniel Koh and assisted by Rev. Melvin Huang - 1986

MYF '85/'86 - Notice guest speaker Dianna Khoo and our youthful pastor, Lim Jen Huat



The Trinity Education Centre (TEC) is finally completed in early 1986

The 4th Decade : 1987 - 1996

<u>Date</u>	<u>Events</u>
<u>1987</u>	Theme: Renewed in Worship, Enabled in Service Theme Scripture: Romans 12: 1-16 Theme Song: The Body Song
7 January 1987	The Nursery got off the ground with an enrolment of 30 children, 1 supervisor, 1 teacher, and 1 full-time teacher/helper from the church. This number steadily grew to 53 children, 1 supervisor, and 3 full-time teachers by September 1987.
10 Jan 1987	Sunday School teachers held a retreat and found it very refreshing.
March 1987	5 patients from Woodbridge Hospital and Pelangi Home were baptised in TMC.
June 1987	Evangelism Committee spearheaded participation in Reinhard Bonnke Mission with 15 intercessors, 12 counsellors and 14 ushers.
July 1987	Ms Joyce Chew began studies at Trinity Theological College.
July 1987	The M.A.F was discontinued after 8 years of programs catering to adults.
13 September 1987	TMC celebrated its Anniversary with a lunch at Cathay restaurant instead of the traditional dinner in church premises.
21 Oct 1987	Church Planning Retreat was held.
19 December 1987	Personal Evangelism was carried out to share the Christ of Christmas in Orchard Road.
1987	Rostering of befrienders/greeters to look after visitors on Sundays to informally welcome them to our services. A Membership Church Attendance/Data Base Survey was carried out by Rev. Melvin Huang and assisted by Lee Pak Lin. The Membership Directory was updated and sent to all members. Senior Department of Sunday School provided manpower for Outreach Project in Serangoon North Estate. Arthur Yeo answered the call for full-time ministry at Campus Crusade in 1987.
End 1987	Care Partner program was started to provide information feedback on attendance, needs, visitation etc. of individual members.
<u>1988</u>	
19 January 1988	1 st Local Conference adopted the consolidated direction for 1988. Church Theme: "Together we'll become that perfect whole" Text: 1 Corinthians 12:12,27 emphasising that we all become involved in the life and service of the church.
June 1988	WSCS organised 1 st Church Family Retreat led by Mr and Mrs Chan Chong Hiok at Port Dickson. The Cry Room which caters to children and young infants was started by the WSCS.
September 1988	After Small Group Training, at least 3 small groups were started - WSCS, Bridport and Namly. Evangelistic Project - "Andre Kole Outreach" at the Victoria Concert Hall - was a success. TEC Dedication at 1988 Anniversary Celebrations. Gabriel Liew joined the Bachelor of Divinity programme at Trinity Theological College.

1989

- Church Theme: Growing Out.
The Missions Policy was approved.
- 7 January 1989 Evangelism Committee participated in the Tony Campolo rally at Kallang Theatre.
- 1 May 1989 Church Clean Up Day.
- July 1989 Our church newsletter was revamped and renamed "The Saltshaker".
- 28-29 July 1989 TMC musical "Friends Forever" was held at SLF Auditorium with crowds of about 1200-1500 in attendance.
- 1 August 1989 Appointment of Assistant Pastor Philip Lim to TMC.
- 20 August 1989 "Love and Kindness II" Concert at TMC was presented by Social Concerns Committee for the inmates of Woodbridge Hospital and Pelangi Home.
- December 1989 Air-conditioning of the sanctuary was completed & altar area extended. A new sanctuary organ was purchased.

1990

- Church Theme: Growing Into. Theme verse: Hebrews 5:11 - 6:3 with the emphasis on continuous Christian growth into maturity or wholeness by undertaking a persevering journey of growing into Christ.
- 14-17 March 1990 Family Camp held at Air Keroh Country Resort, Melaka, with 44 persons in attendance.
- 24 March 1990 Registration of Kindergarten with Ministry of Education TMC Kindergarten Committee was set up.
- June 1990 Youth Camp held at NUS hostel grounds.
Commitment for 2 tutorial rooms costing \$64,000 made towards the Trinity Theological College (TTC) Building Fund.
Kevin Lowe was accepted as a student at TTC.
- End June 1990 Extension work completed on Resource Centre.
- April-August 1990 "Manila 2000 Outreach" project under Campus Crusade for Christ with mission trip involving 13 TMC members.
- 8 September 1990 Small Group get-together was held.
- 22 September 1990 Spiritual Retreat for LCEC members held.
- 17 October 1990 Church Planning Retreat to chart the 3-year plan for the church.

1991 - 1993

Overall Theme: Renewing Our Vision

1991

- 1991 Church Theme: Marching On With Hearts Courageous
Drama and Music Fellowship was started.
3 of TMC's missionaries joined Campus Crusade for Christ (i.e. Christopher Ow, Amos Ang and Adeline Chua)
The new United Methodist Hymnal was used.
- 8 September 1991 Combined Anniversary Service was held at the Victoria Concert Hall for the first time.
- October 1991 Church Planning Retreat was held.
- 13 October 1991 Rescheduling to 3 morning services (i.e. at 7:30 am, 9 am and 11 am) together with the 5 pm Prayer and Praise.
- 21 November 1991 Ordination of former Assistant Pastor, Reverend Philip Lim, as Deacon.
- 10 December 1991 30 carollers sang at the Orchard Road Sharity Box.



WSCS started Cry Room to cater for infants and children - June 1988.

TMC Family Retreat - Choosing the best durians at Port Dickson - June 1988.

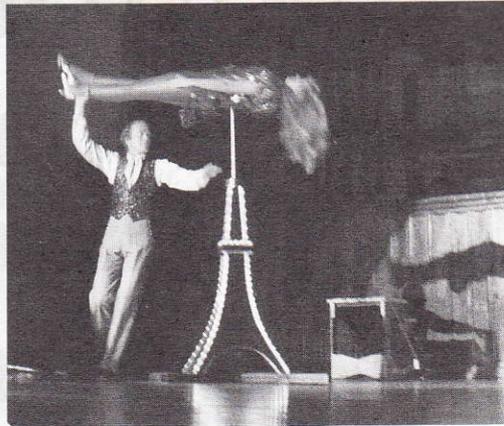


Dedication of TEC by Bishop Ho Chee Sin on July 17, 1988.



City Group Parish meeting - 1988.

Andre Kole Outreach at Victoria Concert Hall - September 1988.



Church Planning Retreat - 1989.



Church Anniversary Service at Victoria Concert Hall for the first time - September 8, 1991.



Church Clean - Up Brigade - May 1, 1989.

Church Family Retreat at Coral Beach Resort, Kuantan - November 15, 1992.



- 1992** Theme: Lord Achieve Your Holy Purpose.
- 1992 Visitors' Package now presented to all newcomers.
- January 1992 TMC committed to contributing \$354, 000 for the Bukit Batok/ Clementi Church projects over 3 years.
Church School extended its ministry by setting up 9 am Church School on top of current 11 am Sunday School.
- 16 May 1992 Gabriel Liew graduated from TTC and was appointed to serve as an Assistant Pastor in Wesley Methodist Church.
- June 1992 6 MYFers went on a 2 week mission trip to Sarawak.
- 11 June 1992 Car rally was held with over 20 cars participating.
- 11-15 June 1992 Church Family Camp held at Coral Beach resort at Kuantan with 90 participants.
- 27 June 1992 LCEC held a spirituality retreat. Praise Night was well attended by over 200 people. Theme: "We Declare: The Lord Reigns" led by the band, DMF and the 9 am choir.
- 1 August 1992 Reverend Philip Lim was appointed Assistant Pastor, Kampong Kapor Methodist Church and Pastor Kow Shih Ming was appointed Assistant Pastor of TMC.
- 26 October 1992 Church Planning Retreat was held.
November/December 1992 Vacation Bible School was held for 35 Kindergarten and 30 Sunday school students.

- 1993** Church Theme: Trusting, Ministering, Caring
Theme Song: My One Aspiration
- 11 April 1993 Due to poor attendance, the 5pm worship service was closed.
- 23-24 April 1993 Small Group Seminar by Reverend John Mallison was conducted. Kum Yan and Grace Methodist Churches joined TMC and all benefited greatly. There were about 130 participants in total.
- 23 May 1993 TRAC President shared his thoughts on Evangelising Into the Next Century (EITNC).
- June 1993 60 participants attended Youth Camp at Sentosa (SU campsite).
- 9-10 July 1993 Acts of Praise (Schemes, Lies and Video Screwtapes Exposed) held at SLF Auditorium was attended by approximately 1000 people. Mr Chan Chong Hiok delivered the messages and over 100 decisions were recorded.
- End August 1993 Sanctuary roof was replaced at a cost of about \$50, 000. The porch was also repaired.
- 12 September 1993 Combined Worship Anniversary Service was held at Singapore Conference Hall followed by lunch at Miramar Hotel.
- 9 October 1993 WSCS Spiritual Retreat "A Day Apart".
- 4 December 1993 WSCS carolling to the sick and shut-ins.
- 9-12, 16-19 TRAC Christmas Media Campaign - 3 carolling teams sang at Shaw House during Christmas and greeters distributed the Christmas (evangelistic) magazines.
- December 1993

- 1994** Church Theme: One Voice, Touching Many Hearts and Lives
Theme Song: One Voice
- 1994 Launching of Adult and Family Life Ministry (AFLM) under Dr Hum Sin Hoon.
- Apr & Aug 1994 Caring Evangelism Courses were held.
- 27 April - 4 May 1994 First overseas mission trip to Cambodia led by Assistant Pastor Kow Shih Ming.
- 8 - 12 June 1994 Family Camp cum Retreat at Genting View Resort with Age Group Ministries. 120 people attended.
- 22 June - 2 July 1994 Exploratory mission trip to Thailand led by Assistant Pastor Kow Shih Ming.
- July 1994 Local preacher Chia Boon Beng started Masters of Divinity course at TTC.
- 11 September 1994 There was no Anniversary Lunch organised. Instead offerings taken during the Anniversary Service was donated to the Rwandan refugees .
- Nov 1994 Missions Training Course was conducted to prepare members for mission trips to Thailand and Cambodia.
- 24 Nov 1994 Rev Kow Shih Ming was ordained as Deacon.
- 20 December 1994 TMC officially adopted Cambodia as our Unreached People Group mission focus.
- December 1994 TRAC Christmas Media Campaign at Takashimaya Square. The 9 am choir, DMF, and some counsellors participated in this outreach project.
- 1995** Church Theme: One Spirit, Sharing Many Gifts and Graces.
Theme Song: The Church Must Stand Together.
- 1 January 1995 Reverend Melvin Huang was appointed to Christ Methodist Church as pastor-in-charge. Reverend Lim Jen Huat from Paya Lebar Methodist Church was appointed to TMC as pastor-in-charge.
- 14-17 February 1995 Reverend Kow Shih Ming and Peter Lim made a trip to Cambodia to meet Government ministers and officials to explore the possibility of starting a Methodist School and Church in Phnom Penh.
- 12-19 May 1995 Vision trip to Cambodia.
- 14-18 June 1995 Youth Camp at Sentosa with about 30 in attendance.
- September 1995 Missions Committee pledged to pay for a pick-up truck for the work of World Relief Cambodia in the slums.
- 23 November 1995 Reverend Lim Jen Huat was ordained as an elder at the 20th session of TRAC Conference.
- 26 November 1995 TRAC Conference Sunday was held at the Singapore Indoor Stadium with the theme "One Family" - a fellowship experience for all TRAC churches.
- December 1995 20 to 30 church members participated as greeters during the TRAC Christmas Outreach and 150 responses for "free talks" were received. These talks were held in January - March 1996.
- 24 December 1995 MYF held a Christmas Party using the "Jesus" video and about 20 non-Christians turned up.

1996

Church Theme: One Lord, Reaching Many Nations and Peoples

1 January 1996

Rev Richard Tan was appointed as Assistant Pastor of TMC.

5-9 June 1996

Church Family Camp at Penang.

13 July 1996

MWS Family Care Fair - TMC contributed 4 stalls.

8 September 1996

40th Anniversary Service held at Victoria Theatre.

21 November 1996

Rev Richard Tan was ordained elder at the 21st session of TRAC Conference held at Faith Methodist Church.



Acts of Praise -
Can you
recognise these
two characters?



Schemes, Lies & Video Screwtapes
Exposed 9-10 July 1993.



TRAC Christmas Media
Campaign at Isetan
Orchard - 1993.

Lunch Fellowship
with the Smiths
- April 1993.



Church Sanctuary with
new roofing - April 1993.

WSCS Dinner with Whampoa
Home Residents - July 11, 1993.



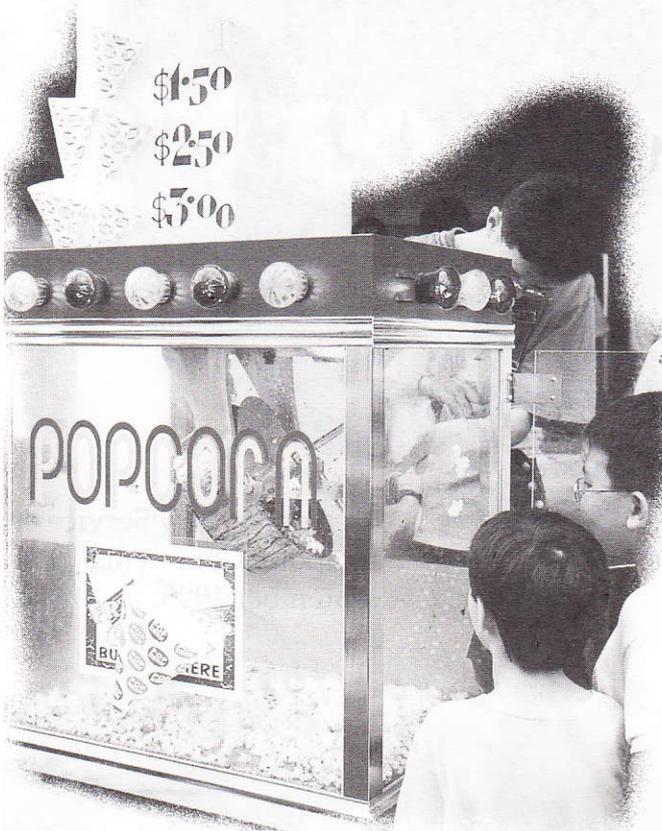


39th Anniversary Service at
Singapore Conference Hall
- September 1995.



WSCS Spiritual Retreat with Mrs Eileen
Smith - September 14, 1996.

The MWS Family Care Fair at Fairfield's School
Grounds on July 13, 1996



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Mr & Mrs Tong Kum Toh.



The late Mr Andrew Lee.

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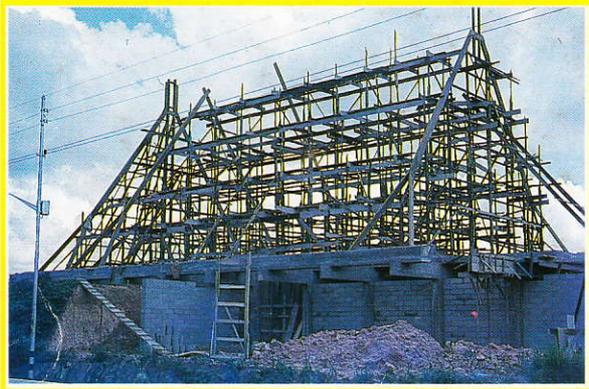
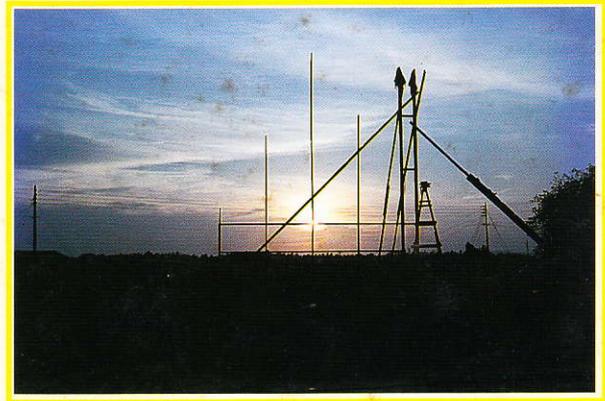
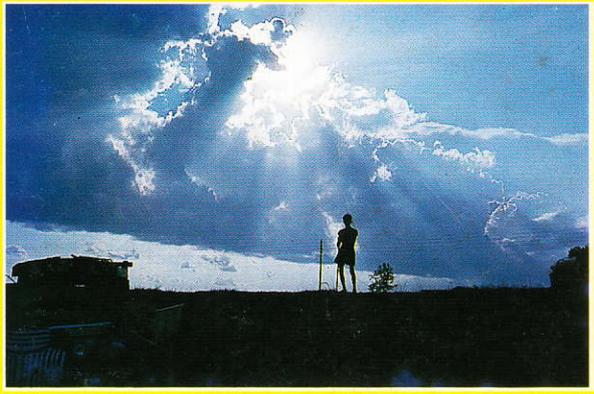
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We dedicate this magazine to all you kind souls who have quietly carried out your duties in the background. Your efforts will not go unnoticed.

We remember and appreciate all those who have:-

- arranged the altar flowers week after week
- washed and filled the communion cups diligently
- ushered and greeted countless members and visitors
- arranged and folded the weekly bulletins
- catalogued the numerous library books and tapes
- patiently taught unruly Church School kids
- conscientiously practised difficult anthems and hymns to praise the Lord
- attended wakes of dearly departed members and their relatives
- made time to serve the community of Christ in one way or another

Trinity would not be such a caring and vibrant body of Christ without you. Let us continue to dedicate our lives and serve the Lord with devoted hearts.



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