



**BEDOK LUTHERAN CHURCH**



**42nd**

**AGM**

**23 May 2021**

# Bedok Lutheran Church

## 42nd Annual General Meeting

### 23 May 2021

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## APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

### 1. CHAIRPERSONS:

Combined	Lim Leng Wah
Mandarin Section	Lim Leng Wah
English Section	Foo Jang Kae

### 2. TRANSLATORS:

Mandarin Section	Soh Jwee Hua
English Section	Tan Zhiling

### 3. TELLERS:

Mandarin Section	Khoo Yee Seng, Jennie Ng
English Section	Benjamin Chan, Phyllis Chin

### 4. REGISTRARS:

Mandarin Section	Lim Jie, Wong Mei Heung
English Section	Helen Ang, Susan Tseng

### 5. TIME-KEEPERS:

Mandarin Section	Lee Wai Ki
English Section	Rebecca Samala Rajakanthan

### 6. PARLIAMENTARIANS:

Mandarin Section	Timothy Cheng
English Section	Paramjit Singh

### 7. RECORDING SECRETARIES:

Mandarin Section	Simon Tso, Samuel Wong
English Section	Ng Ai Cheng

# **BEDOK LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**42<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**Date & Time: 23 May 2021, 13.00hrs**  
**Venue: BLC Sanctuary**

## **AGENDA**

1. Opening Prayer by Rev. How Chin Yong
2. Roll Call
3. Appointment of Committees
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Adoption of 2020 AGM Report (includes 41<sup>st</sup> AGM Minutes, Joint Ministry Reports and Ministry Reports)
6. Financial Report
7. Acceptance of 2021 Central, Chinese & English Budget
8. Appointment of Auditor
9. Election of Council Members
10. Election of Chinese Section Deacons
11. Closing Prayer by Rev. Jimmy Khoo

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**MINUTES OF BEDOK LUTHERAN CHURCH  
41st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON  
16 AUGUST 2020 at 13:00 HOURS VIA ZOOM**

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**1. OPENING PRAYER**

Pastor Jimmy Khoo opened the AGM with a prayer.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Mandarin Section

123 proxy forms of 164 voting members received (75%).

English Section

154 proxy forms of 226 voting members received (68%).

Total: 227 proxy forms of 390 voting members received.

Total percentage: 71%

Chairman Mr Foo Jang Kae declared that the quorum of the 41<sup>st</sup> on-line AGM has been met.

In view of Covid-19, the AGM had to be postponed from May 2020 to 16 August 2020. As such, the term of the Joint Council members had to be extended to 16 August 2020.

In this regard, there were 276 – For, 1 – Against, 0 – Abstain received.

Chairman Mr Foo Jang Kae declared **Resolution 3 accepted**.

**3. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES (Resolution 2 in the proxy form)**

Results of Item 3 in the Agenda, Resolution 2 in the proxy form:

277 – For, 0 – Against, 0 –Abstain.

Chairman Mr Foo Jang Kae declared **Resolution 2 accepted**.

3.1 Chairpersons

3.1a Combined - Foo Jang Kae

3.1b Mandarin Section - Man Yu Chan

3.1c English Section - Foo Jang Kae

3.2 Translators

3.2a Mandarin Section - Soh Jwee Hua

3.2b English Section - Tan Zhiling

3.3 Tellers

3.3a Mandarin Section - Khoo Yee Seng, Ng Gai Tack

3.3b English Section - Benjamin Chan, Phyllis Chin

3.4 Registrars

3.4a Mandarin Section - Lee Lai Oi Becky, Shirley Tam Miu Ling

3.4b English Section - Helen Ang, Susan Tseng

3.5 Time-Keepers

3.5a Mandarin Section - Lim Leng Wah

3.5b English Section - Rebecca Samala Rajakanthan

- 3.6 Parliamentarians  
 3.6a Mandarin Section - Timothy Cheng  
 3.6b English Section - Paramjit Singh
- 3.7 Recording Secretaries  
 3.7a Mandarin Section - Wong Ka Heung, Simon Tso  
 3.7b English Section - Ng Ai Cheng

#### **4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA (Resolution 1 in the proxy form)**

Results of item 4 in the Agenda, Resolution 1 in the proxy form:  
 277 – For, 0 – Against, 0 –Abstain.

Chairman Mr Foo Jang Kae declared **Resolution 1 accepted.**

#### **5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 40<sup>th</sup> AGM (Resolution 5 in the proxy form)**

Results of items 5, 8 and 10 in the Agenda, Resolution 5 in the proxy form:  
 276 – For, 0 – Against, 1 – Abstain.

Chairman Mr Foo Jang Kae declared **Resolution 5 accepted.**

#### **6. FINANCIAL REPORT**

##### **6.1 2019 Audited Reports (Resolution 4 in the proxy form)**

Lee Lai Oi Becky presented the BLC financial report ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

##### 2019 Consolidated Account

This includes Central, English, Mandarin, Land & Building reserve, Other Specific Funds, Building Improvement Fund and Contingency Fund. Details can be referenced from Annex 3 of the 2019 Audited Financial Report.

With reference to the Income & Expenditure Statement, Total reported Income is \$1.298 million, Total Expenditure is \$1.338 million. Deficit for 2019 is \$39K.

Breakdown of deficit are as follows:

- Central: deficit of \$27K
- English: surplus of \$77K
- Mandarin: deficit of \$41K
- Land & building: mainly from depreciation for the year is a deficit of \$21K
- Other funds: surplus of \$485
- Building Improvement: deficit of \$38K
- Contingency: surplus of \$12K

This brings it to a Net Deficit of \$39K for the year 2019.

With reference to the Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2019,

- General Reserve for Central, English, Mandarin and Building total \$2.118M
- Building Improvement fund: \$356K
- Contingency fund: \$158K
- Mission from English: \$15K
- Needy Fund in English and Mandarin total \$50K
- Theological fund in Mandarin: \$59K
- Memorial fund in Mandarin: \$7K
- Love Singapore fund under Central: \$15K
- C.O.W under Central: \$27K
- Breakfast Club under Central: \$89K

Total Equity is \$2.895 million.

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

- Central: \$282K
- English: \$460K
- Mandarin: \$248K
- Building Improvement Fund: \$118K
- Contingency Fund: \$159K

Total Cash and Cash Equivalents is \$1.268 million.

Results for item 6.1 in the Agenda, Resolution 4 in the proxy form:  
275 – For, 0 – Against, 2 – Abstain.

Chairman Mr Foo Jang Kae declared **Resolution 4 accepted**.

## 6.2 2020 Central Budget (Resolution 6a in the proxy form)

Lee Lai Oi Becky provided a comparison of 2019 Budget vs Actual. Details can be found in Annex 3 of the Audited Financial Report.

With reference to Income, she reported that there was a decrease in income arising from the Children Centre and Specific Offerings. BLCK (Bedok Lutheran Church Kindergarten) ceased contributions from October 2019. BLC reimbursed \$14K to BLCK. Love gifts from weddings was \$26K in 2019 against a budget of \$39K. Total Income is \$189K Hence, overall actual collected is less than budgeted.

With reference to Expenditure, there was a decrease in expenses which came from less than budgeted spending for 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. A budget of \$15K was set aside but the spent came in at \$9.6K. The bulk of expenses came from airfares to enable BLC's missionaries to return to join in the celebration and food from combine services.

The remaining expenses like maintenance and non-capital furniture came in lower than budgeted. Total Expenditure including depreciation was \$216K.

Total deficit stood at \$27K for 2019.

Lee Lai Oi Becky continued with her presentation of the Central 2020 Budget against the 2019 Budget figures. Details can be found in Annex 5 of the Proposed Budgets for Year 2020.

For Income, under

- "Offering": the figure of \$7K is much lower than the \$12K budget figure in 2019. This is because in 2019, there were 3 additional combine services due to the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration;
- "Children Centre Offering": for year 2020, offering will be from Charis Montessori.
- "Wedding Love Gift": for year 2020, collection is expected to be lower because of Covid-19.
- "Government Grant": this includes job support scheme to help employer retain local employee during this period of economic uncertainty.

Total budgeted income is \$196K.

For Expenses,

- "40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" under Worship & Congregation Expenses: budget has been removed from 2020 budget compared to 2019.
  - "Repairs, Renovations and Maintenance": budget increase includes \$11K set aside for cleaning and consumables in view of Covid-19, and increase in fogging.
- Total expected Expenses including depreciation is \$258K.

Expected deficit for 2020 is \$62K.

For Capitalized Items,

- “Fittings, Equipment, Furniture”: remains at \$23K. No change from 2019.
- “Building Improvement Fund”: budget set aside is \$54K
- “Contingency Fund”: budget is \$12K for the provision of equipment and system for live streaming of service due to Covid-19

Results for item 6.2 in the Agenda, Resolution 6a in the proxy form:

272 – For, 0 – Against, 5 – Abstain.

Chairman Mr Foo Jang Kae declared **Resolution 6a accepted.**

**7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR (Resolution 7 in the proxy form)**

Results for item 7 in the Agenda, Resolution 7 in the proxy form:

275 – For, 0 – Against, 2 – Abstain.

Chairman Mr Foo Jang Kae declared **Resolution 7 accepted.**

**8. JOINT MINISTRY REPORTS (Resolution 5 in the proxy form)**

**Accepted under Item 5 in this minutes.**

- 8.1 Bedok Lutheran Church Kindergarten**
- 8.2 Lutheran Child Care Centre, Tampines**
- 8.3 Breakfast Club**
- 8.4 Community Outreach Work (C.O.W)**
- 8.5 Property & Development Committee**

**9. Acceptance of 2020 English & Chinese Budget (Resolution 6b & 6c in the proxy form)**

Lee Lai Oi Becky presented the **Chinese congregation 2019 Actuals and 2020 Budget.**

2019 Actuals vs 2019 Budget

Income received was \$300K. This is 88% of the budget set for “Income”.

Other Income exceeded budget mainly contributed by \$15K grants received from LCS to support manpower cost.

Total Income to \$330K.

Expenses was reduced. In particular in:-

“Ministry Expenses”: Reduced spending in the Youth ministry and Education Training;

“Manpower Cost”: A part-time pastoral staff was hired instead of a full time as originally planned.

Total Expense is \$371K.

Actual Mission income and expense in 2019 came close to the 2019 budget.

Chinese congregation ended the year 2019 with a deficit of \$41K. Details can be obtained from Annex 3 of the 2019 Audited Financial Report.

2020 Budget

Budgeted income for 2020 has been reduced by about 20% in comparison to 2019. This is due to the challenges imposed by Covid-19 on the economy.

Other income increased mainly due to grant expected from Government Job Support Scheme to retain and preserve jobs for local employees in the face of Covid-19.



Total Income is \$268K.

Due to Covid-19, budgeted expense has been reduced because of an expected decrease in congregational events.

Manpower cost has also been reduced because there is one less pastor and one less preacher. Original plan to employ a new pastor in 2020 was shelved because of Covid-19.

In "Others & Contribution" expenses, budget for LCS Benevolence has also been reduced due to a reduction in Offering income.

Total Expenses is \$250K.

Mission Income and Mission Expenses budgets are set at \$50K respectively. This is reduced compared to 2019 because of Covid-19.

Chinese congregation's budget for 2020 will see a surplus of \$18K.

Results for item 9 in the Agenda, Resolution 6b in the proxy form:

211 – For, 0 – Against, 66 – Abstain.

Chairman Mr Foo Jang Kae declared **Resolution 6b accepted**

Gwenda Loke presented the **English Congregation 2019 Actuals and 2020 Budget**.

2019 Actuals vs 2019 Budget

English congregation ended the year 2019 with a surplus of \$89,174.

Pledges and offerings was 6% higher than budgeted.

Expenses was 11% lower. The lower expenses were mainly due to the following:

- Worship: planned subsidy of musician training was not incurred
- Stewardship: there were less formal activities which led to savings from planned retreats, conferences, family day and trainings
- Evangelism: Alpha course expenses were partially sponsored by members.

2020 Budget

Budgeted Income was based on the actuals of January to October 2019. This is effectively, a 4% increase over 2019 Actuals.

Gwenda Loke highlighted the expected main expenses for 2020:

- Worship: Intro camp, organ training and instrument replacement;
- Manpower: Youth worker and part-time pastoral assistant;
- Stewardship: CG leaders' training and family day

Results for item 9 in the Agenda, Resolution 6c in the proxy form:

254 – For, 0 – Against, 23 – Abstain.

Chairman Mr Foo Jang Kae declared **Resolution 6c accepted**.

**10. Ministry Reports (Resolution 5 in the proxy form)**

**Accepted under Item 5 in this minutes.**

**11. ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS (Resolution 8,9,10,11 in the proxy form)**

Results of Item 11 of the Agenda, Resolution 8a in the proxy form:

187 – For, 0 – Against, 90 – Abstain.

Chairman Mr Foo Jang Kae declared **Resolution 8a Accepted**.

Results of Item 11 of the Agenda, Resolution 8b in the proxy form:

188 – For, 0 – Against, 89 – Abstain.

Chairman Mr Foo Jang Kae declared **Resolution 8b Accepted**.

Results of Item 11 of the Agenda, Resolution 8c in the proxy form:  
187 – For, 1 – Against, 89 – Abstain.  
Chairman Mr Foo Jang Kae declared **Resolution 8c Accepted**.

Results of Item 11 of the Agenda, Resolution 8d in the proxy form:  
188 – For, 0 – Against, 89 – Abstain.  
Chairman Mr Foo Jang Kae declared **Resolution 8d Accepted**.

Results of Item 11 of the Agenda, Resolution 9a in the proxy form:  
188 – For, 0 – Against, 89 – Abstain.  
Chairman Mr Foo Jang Kae declared **Resolution 9a Accepted**.

Results of Item 11 of the Agenda, Resolution 9b in the proxy form:  
188 – For, 0 – Against, 89 – Abstain.  
Chairman Mr Foo Jang Kae declared **Resolution 9b Accepted**.

Results of Item 11 of the Agenda, Resolution 9c in the proxy form:  
188 – For, 0 – Against, 89 – Abstain.  
Chairman Mr Foo Jang Kae declared **Resolution 9c Accepted**.

Results of Item 11 of the Agenda, Resolution 10a in the proxy form:  
232 – For, 0 – Against, 45 – Abstain.  
Chairman Mr Foo Jang Kae declared **Resolution 10a Accepted**.

Results of Item 11 of the Agenda, Resolution 10b in the proxy form:  
230 – For, 1 – Against, 46 – Abstain.  
Chairman Mr Foo Jang Kae declared **Resolution 10b Accepted**.

Results of Item 11 of the Agenda, Resolution 11a in the proxy form:  
236 – For, 0 – Against, 41 – Abstain.  
Chairman Mr Foo Jang Kae declared **Resolution 11a Accepted**.

Results of Item 11 of the Agenda, Resolution 11b in the proxy form:  
236 – For, 0 – Against, 41 – Abstain.  
Chairman Mr Foo Jang Kae declared **Resolution 11b Accepted**.

Results of Item 11 of the Agenda, Resolution 11c in the proxy form:  
236 – For, 0 – Against, 41 – Abstain.  
Chairman Mr Foo Jang Kae declared **Resolution 11c Accepted**.

On behalf of BLC, Pastor How Chin Yong thanked Man Yu Chan, Lee Lai Oi Becky, Alan Lam Tin Lun and Shirley Tam Miu Ling from the Chinese Congregation who have completed their terms in the council and are stepping down.

Foo Jang Kae thanked Benjamin Chan from the English Congregation who has completed his term in the council and is stepping down. He also thanked the Breakfast Club volunteers for their many years of faithful service. The Breakfast Club has ceased operations since March 2020.

On behalf of BLC, Chairman Foo Jang Kae reported that there were no questions raised in the last 48 hours leading to the AGM.

12. **CLOSING PRAYER**

Ps How Chin Yong closed the AGM with a prayer.

**Minutes recorded by: Ng Ai Cheng**

**AGM was called to a close at: 1400 hours.**

## JOINT MINISTRY REPORT

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**Report on the Closure of LCCCT**

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LCCCT's student enrolment began to decrease in the year 2017. We tried enhancing our ministry by offering enrichment classes, implementing new ideas like "Learning Corners", giving opportunities for parents to be involved, and physically renewing the centre through ECDA's five-year cyclical maintenance programme. We began operating at a loss from 2016. The reserve fund lasted for about 3 to 4 years.

The Management Committee finally decided to close the centre in 2019 and it was then decided to explore the possibility of finding an operator to take over the ministry of LCCCT. A task force was set up by the Joint Council in September 2019. The task force went through a process of interviews and eventually in Oct 2019 selected Charis Montessori.

In the meantime, the staff of LCCCT were kept informed, and subsequently given retrenchment benefits in keeping with their contract as well as MOM (Ministry of Manpower) guidelines. They were released in accordance to the number of teachers needed to run the operation.

By end of Jan and Feb 2020, all children and all teaching staff of LCCCT had left the centre subsequently.

In May 2020, ECDA did not approve the transfer of lease to Charis Montessori. As a result, the Centre was required to reinstate the premises to its original state.

In June 2020, clearance of LCCCT's movable items was arranged. The items like movable furniture, teaching resources, materials, children's toys, stationery, and kitchen utensils, etc. were given to:

- 1) LCS Childcare Centres - Green Pasture & Lutheran Childcare Centre @ Yishun.
- 2) Kelapa Sawit Bible Presbyterian Church, located at 81030, Kulai, Johor, Malaysia.
- 3) Charis Montessori
- 4) BLC took the remaining items on 24th June 2020. These were mainly office stationery, kitchen utensils, toiletries.

Children's records and particulars, accounting records and minutes of meeting from 2015 onwards were also transported and stored in BLC until the statutory limit is reached. We are required to keep these records for 5 years. The last batch of records will be shredded in 2026. All other records were shredded at LCCCT.

Contractor Alliance Projects Pte Ltd was selected. Reinstatement works could only commenced in July 2020 due to Covid-19. The centre was reinstated and keys were returned to HDB on 28 Aug 2020.

**Report submitted by the Management Committee**

JOINT MINISTRY REPORT

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**Community Outreach Work**

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Each year, COW's regular outreach works are planned according to festive seasons, for eg:

- Chinese New Year: distribution of mandarin oranges
- Easter Day: distribution of fresh eggs
- Mid-Autumn and Christmas: organize & invite neighborhood to events specially planned for them.

During 2019, we planned to have a Community Day on **31<sup>st</sup> July 2020**. However, all these mentioned activities had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Though we could not proceed with the regular or planned activities, God had opened new opportunities for us to share His love to the people around us during such a difficult period, as listed below.

God showed us that there was a need to reach out to the foreign laborers and cleaners around Bedok South community. On **15<sup>th</sup> March 2020**, we gathered resources to distribute hand sanitizers ourselves. God had touched one of the sisters in BLC to donate the hand sanitizers. Packaging was done and labelled with the Scripture verses Numbers 6:24-26 and the church address on each bottle.

On **25<sup>th</sup> March 2020**, a total of 68 packages consisting of 1 packet of chicken biryani and 1 hand sanitizer were distributed to each worker. Praise God for the meaningful task in such a time.

During Easter, 56 story books were given on **7<sup>th</sup> April 2020** to the children at Charis Montessori childcare center which is located at the old BLC Kindergarten.

On **25<sup>th</sup> April 2020**, another opportunity was given to us when Rev. William Wan from New Hope Community Service (NHCS) approached Rev. Jimmy Khoo. During the Covid-19 pandemic, NHCS had provided shelter to about 200 rough sleepers who were mainly homeless migrant workers. One of their needs at that time was televisions for those who were serving Stay-Home Notice. BLC had donated \$1,000 for 5 units of televisions.

Though we could not do much during the Covid-19 pandemic, we thank God for the opportunities to share His love to the needy during such a difficult period. Praise God, for the faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease; Great is His faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning. (Lamentations 3:22-23)

All glory to our Almighty GOD.

Humbly submitted by:

**Tan Kok Meng**  
**Chairman of COW**

## ENGLISH SECTION

## Proposed 2021 Budget

BEDOK LUTHERAN CHURCH (ENGLISH)		FINAL							
FY2021 Budget		as of 18Feb20							
	2019 ACTUAL YTD \$	2020 FORECAST FULL YEAR \$	2021 BUDGET YTD \$	2019 Act v 2021 Budget VARIANCE \$	2019 Act v 2021 Budget VARIANCE %	2020 Full Year v 2021 Budget VARIANCE \$	2020 Full Year v 2021 Budget VARIANCE %		
<b>INCOME</b>									
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	732,914	716,757	680,000	(52,914)	-7%	(36,757)	-5%		
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>									
(A) Worship - Total	7,997	4,804	11,175	3,178	40%	6,371	133%		
(B) Welfare - Total	10,791	10,660	7,300	(3,491)	-32%	(3,360)	-32%		
(C) Events - Total	4,289	377	3,250	(1,039)	-24%	2,873	763%		
(D) Congregation Others - Total	4,044	631	1,007	(3,037)	-75%	376	60%		
(E) Manpower & Benefits - Total	342,573	284,432	342,864	291	0%	58,432	21%		
(F) Administration - Total	8,277	7,088	8,180	(97)	-1%	1,092	15%		
(G) Others & Contributions - Total	167,934	171,522	165,520	(2,414)	-1%	(6,002)	-3%		
(H) Missions - Total	83,600	88,364	88,600	5,000	6%	236	0%		
(I) Christian Education - Total	9,204	3,988	10,960	1,756	19%	6,972	175%		
(J) Stewardship - Total	23,599	2,860	29,522	5,923	25%	26,662	932%		
(K) Evangelism - Total	7,203	1,302	10,000	2,797	39%	8,698	668%		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	669,510	576,027	678,377	8,867	1%	102,350	18%		
<b>Budgeted Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	63,404	140,729	1,623	(61,781)	-97%	(139,107)	-99%		
<i>Margin</i>	8.7%	19.6%	0.2%						

## ENGLISH SECTION

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## Senior Pastor's Annual Report

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**Theme**

Vision: Leading people into a living relationship with God

Mission: Becoming a generational discipling church and living out the Gospel

**Staff matters**

- Christina Yong resigned as ministry assistant w.e.f. 17 March.
- Wong Khai Hong served as part time ministry assistant from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.
- Rebecca Samala Rajakanthan transitioned from interim youth worker to ministry assistant w.e.f. 15<sup>th</sup> June.
- Benjamin Chan came on board as parish worker (focusing on youth and small groups) w.e.f. 15<sup>th</sup> June.
- Rev. Melvin resigned w.e.f. 31<sup>st</sup> July to return to his family in Canada.
- Preacher Mark Lai was assigned by LCS to BLC after his graduation w.e.f. 15<sup>th</sup> July.

We thank God for the ministries of Christina Yong, Rev. Melvin and Khai Hong and His provision of new staff.

**Membership**

The following brothers and sisters were welcomed into the church through baptism and transfer

	Child	Youth	Adult
Baptism	1	0	5
Transfer (in)	-	0	4
Transfer (out)	-	-	1

- 4 members went home to be with the Lord.
- 3 youths were confirmed.

**Congregational Life****A. Discipleship**

Rev. Dr. Truscott conducted the Christian Education (CE) hour on "12 Whys of Worship", from 2<sup>nd</sup> February for the next 8 sessions before it was interrupted by Covid-19. The remaining 4 sessions were resumed via zoom in the month of June.

**B. Intentional Discipling Church (IDMC) Process**

3 Mentoring groups continue to meet in the earlier part of the pandemic through zoom and later physically (while adhering to the safety measures requirement.).

**C. Outreach**

With the pandemic, Breakfast Club was not able to carry on the ministry and with most of the volunteers and helpers being above 60 years, the Breakfast Club committee regrettably decided to discontinue the ministry w.e.f. June.

A second reason was because Willing Hearts, an organization that gives out free food to the poor and needy, started giving out food in the neighbourhood of BLC.

Pastor Rita, Michael Wong, Rosanna, and Malcolm are partnering Willing Hearts in the distribution.

We thank all the volunteers in the Breakfast Club for their wonderful labour of love. Through their ministries, God's love and light has gone out into the community.

COW members distributed hand sanitizers and food to the Bedok Town council migrant workers in March.

**D. Worship**

During the Circuit Breaker, the divine service with songs/hymns and sermon were pre-recorded. Online giving was initiated. Thanks to the dedication of the multi-media and sound team under Nicholas Loe, and worship team under Amy Tso, the divine service was able to continue albeit online.

**E. Prayer ministry**

The prayer ministry under the leadership of Goh Ai Cheng and together with the faithful prayer warriors continue to meet (via zoom) during the Circuit Breaker and after, to bring before the throne of grace, the needs of the world, the church and members.

**F. Pastoral Care**

While we were able to worship virtually, the pastoral team noted also that pastoral care needed to be extended to the members. Members were contacted through phone calls and text messages.

Weekly devotions were shared by the pastors during this period to connect with and also to strengthen the faith of the members. When the Circuit Breaker was lifted, pastoral visits were made and Holy Communion was administered. The council members were paired off to visit members who have not returned for worship.

Helping to further connect with the different segments of the church family (through zoom), Benjamin Chan with Rebecca Rajakanthan, planned and facilitated the following meetings/connections:

- Mission: Connecting with our missionaries—update from our missionaries in Thailand and praying for them
- Prayer: Connecting with parents and children (as part of Children's Day program)
- Teacher's Day celebration
- Leader's meeting—to encourage and connect with our leaders
- Care Group carnival---to introduce the care groups to the members of the church and invite them to join

To cap off our year end connection with the church family, an Advent Calendar Tree was sent/delivered to each family unit of the church.



**G. Care Group Ministry**

Some care groups continued to meet via zoom while others were not able to. With the lifting of Circuit Breaker, some groups began face to face meeting (while keeping to safety regulations).

**Thanksgiving**

We thank God for His mercy and grace that enables us to be the people of God and do these and other ministries under the challenging interruption from Covid-19.

We want to thank the patience and understanding of members given the restrictions and limitations the church faces. I thank all who served sacrificially, passionately and joyfully for the Lord and His people.

Thanks to Pastor Melvin, Preacher Mark, Elizabeth Koh, Rebecca Rajakanthan, Benjamin Chan, church council, members of the diaconate office, ministry leaders, and members for their tireless service and faithfulness.

Thanks also to the central staff, Philo and Lay Leng, whose tireless efforts have made it possible for the church to function and meet the requirements of the safety management measures.

To Him be the glory!

**Respectfully submitted by: Rev Jimmy Khoo**

## ENGLISH SECTION

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## Care and Needy Fund Committee

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Part 1:	Short Introduction about the ministry																					
	<p>The Church knows that the poor and needy are important to the Lord and that He is aware that they will be with us for a long time. Hence it is our responsibility to care for these, our members and be a good witness to the love of Christ. We are guided by two principles from Scripture i.e. Love and Discernment.</p>																					
Part 2:	Who are involved in the ministry - Stakeholders																					
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Part 4:	Challenges and Prayer Requests
	NA
Part 5:	Plan for the new year
	NA
Part 6:	Conclusion
	<p>In conclusion, see what the Lord Himself says what we should do :</p> <p>"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor ...." Luke 4:18</p> <p>"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this : to look after orphans and widows in their distress...." James 1:27</p>

Submitted by: Wee Gim Eng

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## ENGLISH SECTION

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**Evangelism**


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Part 1:	Short Introduction about the ministry
	<p>William Temple very succinctly talks about one of the main tenets of the church, “The Church exists primarily for the sake of those who are still outside it. It is a mistake to suppose that God is only, or even chiefly, concerned with religion”. The Great Commandment and the Great Commission shows the Father heart of God, wanting to reconcile all humankind to himself, and he calls us to join him in his mission, to be his hands, his feet that brings good news, his mouth piece to share his good news for all humankind.</p> <p>The ministry of evangelism isn’t something that a select group of people are called to, but all Christians are. it is my prayer that we only facilitate, equip, and excite people for such an endeavour.</p> <p>Finally, the BLC family will be looking to how we can engage our immediate community, especially Charis Montessori, and partner with them to reach out to the community that we are currently placed in.</p>
Part 2:	Who are involved in the ministry - Stakeholders
	NA
Part 3:	Milestones and Thanksgiving
	<p>We explored online Alpha in the Q3 and Q4 of 2020 but proved a daunting task for the team that was already running Alpha in 2019, who went for the training in Sept 2020.</p> <p>If we were to run Alpha again, it would be when restrictions for fellowship is loosened as Alpha ultimately is a relationship building program, not just to push information down someone’s throat, but to invite them into conversation.</p> <p>Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, there has been no events for outreach.</p>

Part 4:	Challenges and Prayer Requests
	<p>Having taken over the portfolio in the midst of a pandemic, there has been no team formed around the evangelism ministry. Pray that people who will be approached in the coming year be willing, available, and faithful to serve in this ministry.</p> <p>There are also many needs, and many opportunities for us to reach out to the community around BLC. However, we should not overstretch our resources of time and manpower, and instead focus our efforts on one area. Pray for wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit to know where we should focus on, and unity so that the church family rallies behind these efforts together.</p> <p>Pray that as the church focuses on the internal this year, cleaning up our inner spiritual lives, we will be excited and prepared to start looking outward next year.</p>
Part 5:	Plan for the new year
	<p>It is in the plan to hopefully do one Alpha run in Q4 of 2021.</p> <p>Hopefully other things would be possible too!</p>
Part 6:	Conclusion
	<p>May the Lord guide our paths, lead our ways and show us the one thing that we should focus on. May the Lord gather people, and give us unity.</p> <p>May we be his hands, his feet, and his mouthpiece.</p> <p>As we share the same grace, peace, and love that He has given us.</p>

Submitted by: Preacher Mark Lai

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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## International Fellowship

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	<p>“We are thankful for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With the COVID-19 re-opening of Phase 2 on June 2020 &amp; Phase 3 on 28 Dec 2020, we were able to meet for lunch at the Bedok South Market after service.</li> <li>• 20 Dec 2020 – Christmas cum Thanksgiving Lunch at Buddy Hoagies at Bedok Heartbeat.</li> <li>• Jacqueline Chow for hosting the International Fellowship members at her home for Zoom Bible Study “Preparing my heart for Advent” led by Pastor Rita in Nov and Dec 2020.</li> <li>• Jacqueline Chow for open her house for the International Fellowship members to meet up and fellowship.</li> </ul>																																										



Fellowship at Jacqueline's house



Hiking



Thanks Gina for sewing the tote bag.



Christmas cum Thanksgiving Celebration

Part 4:	Challenges and Prayer Requests
	<p>The number of migrants members depends on their term of employment. In 2020, Melyn Flaviano (sister of Rose Seloria) discontinued her contract and return to Philippines.</p> <p>Other migrant members are not able to take leave on Sunday to join our International Fellowship Ministry.</p> <p>As the dance ministry is newly set-up, we may from, time-to-time, purchase the tools and costumes. Luckily, we have one migrant member who can sew – so we just buy the material and get her to sew. Our local members will pay for the tools and costumes while we will claim for the migrant members. We hope to be able to claim for all members in the dance team.</p>

	Due to the COVID-19, we are not able to worship our Lord Jesus with songs and dance presentations. We pray that our government is able to allow church to present group songs and dance worship.
Part 5:	Plan for the new year
	We pray for our government to allow group song and dance worship during church service.
Part 6:	Conclusion
	<p>We want to thank Brother Daniel, Brother Michael and Magdalene Gan for their support for the International Fellowship events and song/dance worship.</p> <p>We also want to thank Gina for sewing the tote bags for door gift for our Christmas cum Thanksgiving Lunch in December 2020.</p>

Submitted by: Mrs. Maggie Goh (Co-ordinator)

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021



## ENGLISH SECTION

## Sunday School (Junior Primary and Youth)

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	<p>The Sunday School was started since the church first began to open back in 1981 under the passionate and dedicated guidance of Betty Lou Nelson, wife to Rev. John Nelson. We teach the children how to worship followed by Bible-based lessons for children aged 2 to 12, using mainly Lutheran-based materials from Concordia Publishing House [America].</p> <p>Since Feb 2019, we have expanded the Junior Sunday School to include youths aged 13 to 16. Starting 2020, our curriculum for the youths have started incorporating the Confirmation lessons. Hence, the youths will have their confirmation after 4 years of Christian youth education.</p> <p>We are under the Christian Education Committee. We also received a yearly budget of about \$6000 for our resources, activities and events.</p>																																							
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	<p>We continue to be thankful for the support and wonderful teamwork of our teachers during the Covid year. Even though we could not meet on-site, many of our teachers started to learn from scratch how to conduct lessons online. By July 2020, all our lesson across K1 to Stage 3 were conducted online, except for the Nursery level. The Nursery kids had their monthly activities and lessons posted to them, and videos for each week's lesson were selected and sent via the group-chat to the parents so that they can teach their kids at home.</p>																																							



For Children’s Day, we conducted quizzes and games online. We also had a Reformation Sunday lesson.



There was a virtual tour of the Palau Ubin Mangrove conducted by Victor Toh. These were some of the ways we still managed to celebrate major church events.

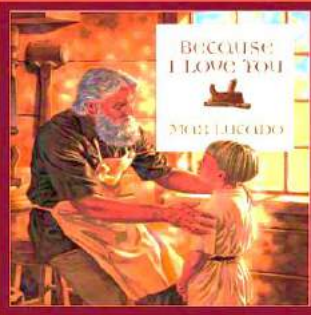


God made the Heaven and the Earth @BLC

MANGROVE AND COASTAL SHARING BY VICTOR TOH

09:15 - 10:15

As for presents for Children’s and Christmas Day, we personally posted all the gifts to them. The youths of each stage had their Christmas gathering either in church or in the teacher’s house as well.



**Upcoming storytelling session:**

**Date: 27 Sept 2020 (Sunday)**

**Time: 10.00 – 10.25am**

**Storyteller: Auntie Maggie**

*A long time ago, a wise man named Shaddai built a wonderful village for children to live in. He talked to them and sang for them and told them stories. He gave them everything they need and built a protective wall to keep them safe...*

The Library committee came onboard and started a monthly story-telling session in which we had children across all ages joining in for the story-telling session, including kids from BLCK. We had a total of 6 sessions in all.

Part 4:	Challenges and Prayer Requests
	<p>Now that we have 3 stages of Youth Sunday School, we need about 6 teachers – 2 per level to do rotational teaching. However, we will have one to two teachers taking a break from teaching this July 2021 due to their work commitments, so we are looking for new teachers willing to come on board. Please seriously pray with us about this.</p> <p>We also hope to have more teachers who are theologically trained to come on board to help teach our youths.</p> <p>Lessons onsite will still pose a challenge in terms of safety measures and adhering to them while trying to have an interactive and engaging lesson.</p>
Part 5:	Plan for the new year
	<p>We are planning the following for 2021: By April, We are hoping to resume lessons on-site and we hope the children can come to church and desire to meet up face to face after such a long time away.</p> <p>Our curriculum for on-site will resume with hardcopy lesson materials that we purchased in 2019 and had not been able to use due to COVID.</p> <p>Nursery: Pre-K Talktime Activity [Gospel Light] Kindergarten: ‘Growing in Christ – Old Testament [Concordia Publishing House [CPH]]’. Primary 1 to 2: ‘Growing in Christ – New Testament’ [CPH] Primary 3 to 6: ‘Bible Promises’, ‘Bible Treasures’, ‘Young Teen Scene’ [Scripture Press].</p> <p>Youths [age 13 – 15]: Stage 1: How to Read the Bible, The Ten Commandments, Stage 2: The Lord’s Prayer, The Creed Stage 3: Theology of the Body, Evolution/Creationism, Stage 4: Apologetics, The Church in Action.</p>
Part 6:	Conclusion
	<p>Sunday School is an on-going weekly ministry which strives to provide spiritual and Christian education across all ages from 3 to 16. Hence support from church leaders and administrators is important and we are encouraged by help provided for us through Ben Chan and Councilman Yew Yi, as well as to Dr Samuel Wang for working out the entire youth curriculum for us.</p> <p>It is indeed encouraging and wonderful to have Preacher Mark and Pastor Jimmy on board as teachers for 2021 as well to help tackle the more theologically challenging questions.</p> <p>It is only by the grace of God that we can do what we do and may our kids and youths who graduate from Sunday school be spiritually enriched and anchored in their faith.</p>

Submitted by: Caroline Ho

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

## ENGLISH SECTION

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## Mission Board

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Part 1:	Short Introduction about the ministry																		
	<p>“After these things I looked, and behold no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.” Revelation 7:9</p> <p>“...and you shall be My witnesses, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” Acts 1:8</p> <p>These 2 bible verses are keys to the church mission policy. The Mission Board was started in the late 1970s during Rev John R Nelson’s time as Senior Pastor of BLC, to formulate and implement the church mission direction.</p>																		
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	<p>The Mission Board has its own MISSION POLICY as a check-list in carrying out the ministry. There is an Annual Budget that has to be submitted to the Council for approval.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="459 1106 1315 1352"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Name of Member</th> <th>Role</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>Bernard Chan</td> <td>Ministry Head</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td>Charis Lee</td> <td>Core team leader</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.</td> <td>Paul Ang</td> <td>Core team leader</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.</td> <td>Benjamin Chan</td> <td>Council</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5.</td> <td>Preacher Mark Lai</td> <td>Pastoral</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Name of Member	Role	1.	Bernard Chan	Ministry Head	2.	Charis Lee	Core team leader	3.	Paul Ang	Core team leader	4.	Benjamin Chan	Council	5.	Preacher Mark Lai	Pastoral
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	<p>In the Year 2020, notwithstanding the pandemic COVID-19 and due to the various government safe-measure practices, we held our first Committee meeting via zoom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New members (Charis and Paul) were inducted into the Committee</li> <li>• The Project Blessing (to bring the outreach to the Isaan people to a higher level) e.g. Supporting Mukdahan Lutheran Church (MLC) in Thailand in their outreach ministries that include the Prison Ministry, School for the Deaf, Reaching out to the poor living in the remote areas.</li> <li>• The Committee had a vision for MLC to be a CITY OF CHRISTIANS.</li> </ul> <p>Covid-19 or not, God’s work goes on. We praise God for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enabling the Committee to meet off-site.</li> <li>• MLC’s passion in reaching out to the people they connect with like the Prison Ministry and School for the Deaf.</li> <li>• Many baptisms</li> </ul>																		

Part 4:	Challenges and Prayer Requests
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New leadership and younger team</li> <li>• Missions among the younger generation (below 35 year old)</li> <li>• Travel restriction (unable to make field trips to do pastoral care to our missionaries)</li> </ul>
Part 5:	Plan for the new year
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do more with Thai Good News Centre</li> <li>• Look out for potential committee members</li> <li>• Keep missions “alive” in the church, especially the younger generation</li> <li>• Keep Project Blessing going – recce new ways to bless the Isaan</li> <li>• Keep praying for our missionaries Rosanna, Romans and family</li> </ul>
Part 6:	Conclusion
	<p>All glory be to our Father in heaven for being the God of the harvest that we can speak to ask from Him.</p>

Submitted by: Bernard Chan

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

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## Stewardship

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	<p>The Stewardship standing committee oversees the Fellowship Groups, Visitation and Care Groups.</p> <p>We thank Pastor Melvin Tai for leading the Stewardship Standing Committee until he left BLC as a Pastoral Staff in July 2021.</p> <p>Pastor Melvin Tai had the following plans for the year 2020 in place before he left: To strengthen the Care Group Leaders Core, providing support in areas of need (e.g. materials, leadership, prayer, pastoral care and encouragement), restart the training programme with Dr. Philip Huan and have 3 meetings for devotion and encouragement.</p> <p>Brother Benjamin Chan took over the leading of the Stewardship Standing Committee in June 2020 when he came on board as Parish Worker.</p>																																																						
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	<p>As such, whatever plans that we set in place had to be relooked at and adjusted to meet the current needs of the members of BLC.</p> <p>After various ministry leaders were met with between June to July 2020, it was evident that the need was to <b>establish and keep a regular church community connection going</b>. This led to new plans to be made that would create a regular, deliberate and strong church community connection.</p> <p>We thank the Lord for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020 – Meeting with Dr. Philip Huan – We had a meeting with Dr. Philip Huan to discuss future CG Leaders Training. It was decided that it was immediate crucial focus at that time was to first connect BLC as a whole starting with the CGs before we provide training for our CG Leaders.</li> <li>• 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020 – J2SM Meeting – The J2SM committee met online to discuss the need to reconnect our BLC family together in response to the pandemic.</li> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – Online BLC Leaders’ Meeting – ALL our BLC leaders came together to to recognize the importance of keeping the church community connection and encouraging their members to see the same.</li> <li>• 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020 – BLC CG Carnival – ALL our BLC CGs came together online to kick start meeting up as CGs regularly again and to connect those not in CGs to CGs.</li> <li>• 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 – J2SM Meeting – The J2SM committee met online again to establish the BLC Theme and Focus for 2021 and beyond.</li> <li>• 14<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – BLC Leaders’ Retreat – We gathered all our BLC Leaders one more time before the year ended to come together and go forth aligned together in unity with our Theme and Focus for 2021 and beyond.</li> <li>• Christmas 2020 – Christmas Advent Calendar – For Christmas 2020, understanding how the pandemic had affected everyone so drastically, we wanted to make sure the everyone could still remember and celebrate together as an entire church family the hope that Christmas brought through our Lord Jesus Christ. As such, we prepared and delivered a specially prepared Advert Calendar fill with Christmas messages, ornaments to follow Christmas services with and treats.</li> <li>• 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 – Visitation – On 21<sup>st</sup> December, our Senior Pastor, Rev. Jimmy Khoo, sent forth all council members and ministry staff in groups to visitation our BLC members to provide pastoral care.</li> <li>• 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 – Thanksgiving Service 2020 – We conducted Thanksgiving Service a little differently. On top of the usual sharing of testimonies, we had a prayer portion for us to pray together as a church for the needs of the members of the church. We also had the thanksgiving service live-streamed and had members “attending” the service online, connect with those on-site through ZOOM.</li> </ul>
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Part 4:	Challenges and Prayer Requests
	<p>Just like any other ministry, the biggest challenge we faced in 2020 was carrying out ministry while being unable to meet face to face due to the Covid-19 pandemic. By God’s grace through prayer, the pastors and leaders of the church were able to come together in unity and worked hard to connect everyone in our BLC family together and to carry on mentoring and ministering through creative ways.</p> <p>Our prayer moving forward is that all our BLC leaders will continue to be encouraged to do all they can to keep and build upon the regular church community connection that has been established in 2020.</p>

Part 5:	Plan for the new year
	<p>As the BLC Theme and Focus for 2021 is “Growing in Community through Word and Prayer, the Stewardship Standing Committee Plans for 2021 are as such:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 2 x CG Leaders Prayer &amp; Support Meetings</li> <li>2. Alignment of CG materials used in CG Meetings</li> <li>3. Leaders Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021 – Setting the Direction for Us to Move Together ➔ May 2021 to 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021 – Setting the pace for CGs</li> <li>4. CG Leaders Training – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021 – Equipping our CG Leaders to Lead ➔ 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021 to End of 2021 – Stabilizing CGs (Leaders’ Meetings – Apr, Jun, Sep, Dec)</li> <li>5. BLC Connect Day (Family Day) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021 – Reconnect and Bond ALL our BLC members together.</li> <li>6. CG Carnival 2.0 – End of 2021 – Celebration, Evaluation, Invitation ➔ Multiplying CGs / New CGs? Challenging of new Leaders / Core Members?</li> <li>7. CG Leaders Thanksgiving</li> </ol>
Part 6:	Conclusion
	<p>We thank God for His continued faithfulness to BLC as a whole and personally to each and every of its members.</p> <p>May we too, as a whole church of BLC and personally in our own individual walk with the Lord, continue to be faithful leaning on the strength, hope and joy found in our Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Let us “Grow in Community through Word and Prayer”!</p>

Submitted by: Benjamin Chan

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021



## ENGLISH SECTION

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**Marriage Enrichment and Parent Mentoring Ministry (MEPMM)**


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Part 1:	Short Introduction about the ministry															
	<p>The Parent Mentoring Ministry was initiated by our Church in 2018 to strengthen families towards integrating spiritual formation in the families and empowering couples to be godly parents in accordance with God’s will and plans for the church. The Ministry was renamed Marriage Enrichment and Parent Mentoring Ministry to include marriage enrichment in its program.</p> <p><b><u>Objectives</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To journey with the couples to build strong, resilient, fulfilling and godly marriages and families</li> <li>2. To equip couples to pass on the legacy of faith to the next generation</li> <li>3. To lead and guide couples in their journey of parenting based on biblical teachings and parenting resources</li> </ol>															
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	<p>The MEPMM was put on hold in 2020 due to the covid-19 pandemic situation. We hope to commence the program in 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2021 but through a different format by integrating specific topics through the various cell group discussion and focus on the families.</p>															

Part 4:	Challenges and Prayer Requests
	<p>We face the challenges of time commitment by the members to attend the program, especially those with babies; also some are quite reluctant to open up and talk to their mentors about their issues.</p> <p>Two of our members have left to attend another church. We seek prayers for wisdom and guidance from our Lord to plan the next steps for our ministry and to get more members onboard to serve.</p> <p>We pray for more messages from the pastors through their sermons on the importance of marriage and parenting, as well as instilling faith in the next generation.</p> <p>Our prayer moving forward is that all our BLC leaders will continue to be encouraged to do all they can to keep and build upon the regular church community connection that has been established in 2020.</p>
Part 5:	Plan for the new year
	<p>We plan to restart the program in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2021 with the “FamilyLife’s Art of Parenting” or similar series which have a biblical foundation for raising children of all ages. We hope to work with the various cell groups as a theme in their discussions.</p>
Part 6:	Conclusion
	<p>We thank God for Sister Christina Ang for continuing to help run the program, and for Sister Sue Tan for supporting the ministry. Deuteronomy 6:6-9 guides our ministry in building a community of faith, where we see families supporting families and the legacy of faith being passed on to the next generations.</p> <p>We pray for God’s wisdom and guidance for the ministry. All Glory to God.</p>

Submitted by: Ivan Neo

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## ENGLISH SECTION

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## Seniors' Fellowship

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Part 1:	Short Introduction about the ministry
	<p>The Seniors' Fellowship (SF) started about 13 years ago. Its mission is to provide fellowship and spiritual growth among the seniors of BLC. To achieve its mission, it focuses on bible study as its core activity. Bible study is the medium through which the SF encourages sharing, learning, fellowship and spiritual growth.</p>
Part 2:	Who are involved in the ministry - Stakeholders
	<p>The SF is led by a group of leaders consisting of a Chairman, Core Team Members (CTM), Treasurer and facilitators. They plan and prepare bible studies and other activities every fortnightly. These activities are held in church on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am to about 11.30am. We have a membership of about 20 members.</p>
Part 3:	Milestones and Thanksgiving
	<p>We are thankful that 3 new members were introduced by the Alpha ministry to the SF. We took the opportunity of introducing them to our bible study sessions and also to a new supplementary study developed by the Daily Bread Publishers called "First Steps".</p> <p>The Covid 19 pandemic and the Circuit Breaker threw all our plans and schedules away. On our first fellowship, a Healthy Ageing talk, we were instructed to postpone our future activities indefinitely until the pandemic is over. As the pandemic ran its course from the beginning of 2020, we had no option but to place all our fellowship on hold. However, we tried to mitigate the disruption by using social media to keep members up to date and to provide encouragement.</p> <p>Our planned series of "Healthy Ageing" talks and 2 series of bible studies on The Lord's Prayer and Parables were completely stalled. We are now planning to see if we can run some of our activities through Zoom or other means.</p>

Part 4:	Challenges and Prayer Requests
	<p>We need members to take up new roles and responsibilities to meet the challenges of declining membership and the "new normal" of activities during this pandemic period.</p> <p>We have to encourage and help members to utilize the internet and social media more. This will help us to overcome the restrictions posed by the circuit breaker and social distancing.</p>

	Please pray for us that there will be members who will step up to meet the challenges and help our fellowship to grow in strength and wisdom.
Part 5:	Plan for the new year
	<p>It was agreed at a special meeting, held on 23 Mar 21, that the SF will be managed by a team of CTMs. The CTMs, beginning this year, will be planning a variety of activities and fellowship that will meet the requirements of the circuit breaker.</p> <p>(The programme &amp; schedule for 2021 are not available at the time of printing)</p>
Part 6:	Conclusion
	<p>We thank our Lord for the support given by past leaders and the church administration staffs in ensuring the smooth running of our programmes and activities. We are also thankful for the support and help given by SF members in BLC's initiatives and activities like the Breakfast Club, Donation drives, Missions, Love BLC cleaning campaign and other ministries.</p> <p>Many of our members are in "the autumn of our lives" and our hope and fervent desire is that our Lord will greet us with these words, "Well done, good and faithful servant" (<i>Matthew 25:21</i>) when we meet Him one day.</p> <p>Meanwhile, we keep the following text close to our hearts:  "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." <i>Proverbs 3:5-6</i></p>

Submitted by: Sunny Ng

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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## Tamil/Indian Fellowship

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	<p>The Tamil/Indian fellowship began in the second half of 2013 as a means to congregate with our fellow Indian members to support each other in our respective spiritual growth and to reach out to the Indians living in our neighbourhood with the objective of supporting them in overcoming their problems with Our Lords' Word, Prayer and a fellowship dinner once in a month.</p> <p>The fellowship meets on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month with over 20+ people both from neighbourhood and our congregation members. <b>Rev. Milton Lazarus</b> of Peace Community Church shares the Word both in Tamil and English. Mrs.Thainmolly Milton along with few members leads us with Praise and Tamil Songs. Each meeting concludes with individual prayers for needy, a closing prayer and Benediction</p> <p>English congregation is supporting the ministry with a budget for Rev. Milton Lazarus' honorarium. The meal for all attendees and other expenses are prepared and shared respectively by the fellowship members</p>																																																						
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<b>Part 4:</b>	<b>Challenges and Prayer Requests</b>
	<p>The Tamil/Indian Fellowship ministry requires more Indian People from the neighbourhood which shall be a challenge in 2021 to identify, convince and bring them to attend the fellowship.</p>
<b>Part 5:</b>	<b>Plan for the new year</b>
	<p>The biggest challenge is to resume the fellowship after the Pandemic ends. Hope it will happen at the earliest by the Grace of Our LORD. The second would be to bring more Indian people into the fellowship.</p>
<b>Part 6:</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>
	<p>Martin Robert is supporting and taking care as Joint Leader. Thanking the below who facilitate in preparing and serving the meal for the fellowship. Mrs. Jaya Peter, Shaila Rajan, Priya Easter, Caroline Peter, Philomin Martin and Anu Richard.</p>

Submitted by: Easter Ravindranath

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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## The Boys Brigade, 32<sup>nd</sup> Singapore Company

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	<p>Special Mention for their continuous support to the work of the 32nd Singapore Company, The Boys' Brigade, since the beginning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- English Congregation of Bedok Lutheran Church</li> <li>- Principals of Damai Secondary School</li> <li>- The population of Damai Secondary School</li> <li>- Parents</li> <li>- Officers, Volunteers and Boys</li> </ul>																														

Part 4:	Challenges and Prayer Requests
	NIL
Part 5:	Plan for the new year
	No plans as Company ceased operations

Part 6:	Conclusion
	<p>Company officially ceased operations on 21st September 2020</p> <p>Officer/s deregistered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rev Jimmy Khoo, LTA</li><li>- 2LT Yang Mingyan</li><li>- 2LT John Sihoe</li><li>- 2LT Jordon Tan</li><li>- 2LT Benjamin Chan</li></ul> <p>Officer/s transferred</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- LTA Kingston Tan, 49th Singapore Company (St Hilda's Secondary School, Chapel of Christ the Redeemer)</li></ul> <p>We thank God for his faithfulness in seeing us through yet another fruitful year.</p>

Submitted by: Kingston Tan

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021



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## Salt and Pepper Youth Ministry

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Part 1:	Short Introduction about the ministry																																	
	<p>As Salt and Pepper Youth Ministry, our mission is to faithfully build ourselves up as disciples of Christ that make a difference in the world, while growing up together and transforming our lives by the power of God’s love. Our goals for the ministry in 2020 were for each member to live out our theme – “Inside Out” – to inwardly take ownership of our faith and to be outward looking as a response to God’s love for us.</p>																																	
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	<p>The ministry is run by youth leaders. They are involved in mentoring our youth members, teaching lessons during CG, and planning for the short-term and long-term functions of the ministry. We meet for CG, events, and outings every Saturday from 5pm to 8pm.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Name of Member</th> <th>Role</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>Rebecca R</td> <td>Interim Youth Worker until July 2020</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td>Benjamin Chan</td> <td>Parish Worker assisting with Youth from July 2020</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.</td> <td>Davidson Goh</td> <td>Youth Leader</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.</td> <td>Kristin Qu</td> <td>Youth Leader</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5.</td> <td>Ernest Paul</td> <td>Youth Leader</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6.</td> <td>Goh Zixuan</td> <td>Youth Leader</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7.</td> <td>Thaddeus Pang</td> <td>Youth Leader</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8.</td> <td>John Khoo</td> <td>Youth Leader</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9.</td> <td>Janice Khoo</td> <td>Youth Leader</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10.</td> <td>Evelyn Lim</td> <td>Youth Leader</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Excluding the leaders, the ministry had 23 CG members and 4 confirmation students were confirmed in early 2020.</p>		Name of Member	Role	1.	Rebecca R	Interim Youth Worker until July 2020	2.	Benjamin Chan	Parish Worker assisting with Youth from July 2020	3.	Davidson Goh	Youth Leader	4.	Kristin Qu	Youth Leader	5.	Ernest Paul	Youth Leader	6.	Goh Zixuan	Youth Leader	7.	Thaddeus Pang	Youth Leader	8.	John Khoo	Youth Leader	9.	Janice Khoo	Youth Leader	10.	Evelyn Lim	Youth Leader
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	<p>Firstly, we want to thank God for seeing our ministry through the worst part of Covid-19 safely.</p> <p>We thank God for the following highlights of the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductory night for parents and new members</li> <li>• 21 days of prayer movement done through Instagram</li> <li>• BGR Forum</li> </ul>																																	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LCS Leaders Training on the Spirituality of the Cross</li> <li>• Began weekly CGs on Zoom due to Covid-19</li> <li>• #SNPGivesBack (a week of giving back to the community, family, and friends, using a bingo sheet of good deeds)</li> <li>• Friends to CG (an evangelistic event aimed at the friends of our CG members)</li> <li>• Continued and finished The Gospel Project (a bible study curriculum that points to the gospel of Christ in every part of scripture)</li> </ul> <p>Through these events and discipleship with the members, each member made progress towards achieving the 2 goals of 2020.</p> <p>The Lord has blessed us greatly with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 new members</li> <li>• 5 young trainee-leaders that completed their training</li> <li>• Increased collaboration with the Sunday School ministry</li> <li>• Unending support from parents and BLC</li> </ul>
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<b>Part 4:</b>	<b>Challenges and Prayer Requests</b>
	<p>In 2020, just like any other ministry, the biggest challenge we faced was carrying out ministry while being unable to meet face to face due to Covid-19. By God’s grace through prayer, our leaders worked hard together to bring CG and events online (via zoom), and to carry on mentoring and ministering through creative ways.</p> <p>Our ministry has anticipated potential challenges in 2021 brought about by a growing number of members. Our members range from 12 to 26 years old, and it is difficult to tailor CG lessons to teens as well as young adults. We seek prayers in this regard, for wisdom and dependence on our Lord as we plan the next steps for our ministry.</p>
<b>Part 5:</b>	<b>Plan for the new year</b>
	<p>In 2021, we hope to align the SNP Youth Ministry to the theme and focus of BLC as a whole which is – “Growing in Community, Through Word and Prayer”</p> <p>As such, the ministry’s theme for 2021 is “Discipleship in Love” according to the verse John 13:34-35.</p> <p>We will be making an intentional effort in our youth mentoring through deliberate scheduling of Mentor-Mentee sessions monthly in place of that specific week’s CG meeting.</p> <p>Together with doing the usual bible study for the WORD portion of CG, we will be having a new “Devotional CG” format for the other weeks of the month where the leaders (and soon also the members) will take turns to lead a personal devotion they have done in their own time with the Lord. It will be done in a more reflective manner to allow our youth to really dwell on the words of our Lord through the devotion shared.</p>

	<p>In the aspect of prayer, we will be allocating a specific time for prayer during each CG meeting and having specific prayer groups for our youth to find time during the week to pray together.</p> <p>Lastly, as mentioned above in under “Challenges and Prayer Requests”, we will be in the process multiplying our SNP Youth Ministry so that we may better cater to the needs of all our youth at their own different life stages. We will be doing so in a progressive and preparatory manner such that each and every member of the ministry will be ready when the multiplying finally takes place.</p> <p>Timeline:  May 2021 to September 2021 – CG Discussion Groups by Age  September 2021 to March 2022 – CG WORD portion &amp; Discussion Groups by Age  April 2022 to June 2022 – 50% of CG Meetings done separately by Age  June 2022 to December 2022 – Only Outings done together  January 2023 – New CG from SNP Youth Ministry</p>
Part 6:	Conclusion
	<p>We thank God for His continued faithfulness to SNP. His Word has kept us going through tough times, and continues to motivate us. We also thank our parents, the pastors, and BLC members for praying for us and supporting us in numerous ways.</p>

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