

Bethel Presbyterian Church 2022 Ministry Report

Organization Identification Number: T12SS0064B

Registered Address: 12 Jalan Lateh, Singapore 359110

Church Board: The Church Board of Elders and Deacons Court consists of Ministers, Elders and Deacons, elected, and appointed annually in accordance with Bethel Presbyterian Church's Constitution. The members of the Board of Elders and Deacons are as follows:

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| 1. | Rev Lim Tau Wei | Moderator |
| 2. | Eld Keith Lim | Hon Secretary |
| 3. | Dn Tan Hui Fern | Hon Asst. Secretary |
| 4. | Dn Ko Hui Yun | Hon Treasurer |
| 5. | Dn Alex Lim | Hon Asst. Treasurer |
| 6. | Rev Carol Ling | Member |
| 7. | Rev William Heng | " |
| 8. | Rev Eugene Yeo | " |
| 9. | Rev Tan Mui Kiang | " |
| 10. | Rev Xie Wei Guang | " |
| 11. | Rev Andrea Ong | " |
| 12. | Eld Andrew Tan | " |
| 13. | Eld Lee Shee Koeng | " |
| 14. | Eld Wong Soon Fen | " |
| 15. | Eld Matthew Fong | " |
| 16. | Eld Ng Keok Boon | " |
| 17. | Eld Quek Swee Kiang | " |
| 18. | Eld Vincent Woo | " |
| 19. | Dn Heok Seng Chiang | " |
| 20. | Dn Sherina Low | " |
| 21. | Dn Roger Tan | " |
| 22. | Dn Yeo Song Chua | " |
| 23. | Dn Ng Teck Hui | " |
| 24. | Dn Felicia Poh | " |
| 25. | Dn Michelle Hua | " |

Trustees: We have entrusted to Trustee Presbyterian Church Registered (TPCSR) as our corporate trustee. A resolution supporting it was passed at the ACM 2015.

Church Bank Account: Development Bank of Singapore

Auditor: SS Ang & Co Certified Public Accountants

Office Staff:

- a. Senior Pastor: Rev Lim Tau Wei
- b. Associate Pastors: Rev Carol Ling
Rev William Heng (Part-time: 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023)
Rev Eugene Yeo (Unpaid leave: 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2023)
Rev Tan Mui Kiang
Rev Xie Wei Guang
Rev Andrea Ong (Ordained: 8th October)
- c. Honorary Pastor: Wong Shyun Jye (Part-time)
- d. Preacher: Preacher Sun Lei
Preacher Lam Wee Kian
Elder Chia Swee Long (EDC appointment for BTS; Part-Time)
- e. Church Manager: Brother Melvyn Heng
- f. Administrative Staff: Sister Karen Lian
Sister Jemaine Heok
Sister June Goh
Sister Yeo Guet Hoon
Elder Chua Hung Seng (Part-Time)
Deacon Michelle Hua Jue (Part-time)
- g. Church Worker: Azli

Ministry's Committees:

The following are committees that were approved by the Board of Elders and Deacons to assist in governing the church.

1. Constitution Committee
2. Finance Committee
3. Personnel Committee
4. Facilities Management Committee
5. Preschool Management Committee
6. Mission Concern Committee
7. Social Concern Committee
8. Worship Working Committee (Teochew, English, Chinese, Bilingual)
9. Children Youth Ministry Committee
10. Worship Ministry Committee
11. IT Committee
12. Anti-Covid Committee

Bethel Presbyterian Church 2022 Annual Ministry Briefing**1. Church's Annual Ministry Theme and Mission**

In line with the vision of "The House of God and the Gate of Heaven", Bethel continues to promote a diverse approach of multiple languages, multiple worship services, and multiple ministries. We focus on the spiritual maturity and growth of God's people; for the sake of the gospel of Jesus, we serve all people and preach earnestly. We praise God for His grace by adding people in our midst and enabling Bethel to maintain growth.

2022 is the ninth year of the church's running of the [Vision 123] ten-year plan. As the epidemic prevention measures gradually eased, our church resumed physical service for the Homes for All Saints and our church's seniors. As for foreign immigrants, we maintained contact with them through a combination of online and on-site settings. In addition, we still supported a needy church under the Chinese Presbytery (CP) and continued with Safe and Sound Sleeping Place Ministry (S3P).

The five worship services continued to lead members and friends in worship and service of the Triune God in Teochew, English and Chinese. All worship services used the Book of Daniel as the main pulpit book, where we drew the church's annual theme "God Reigns" (Dan 6:26-27).

The following are the highlights of the ministry report:

2. 2022 Elders and Deacons Court: Office Holders

- a. Chairman : Rev Lim Tau Wei
- b. Secretary : Elder Keith Lim
- c. Treasurer : Deacon Ko Hui Yun
- d. Vice Treasurer : Deacon Alex Lim

3. Church Leadership in Times of Disruption

- a. The safety measures were relaxed, allowing the church ministries to resume.
- b. Pastors and leaders encouraged members to return to the physical worship gatherings and participate in fellowships and Bible study classes.
- c. The ACM resumed as a physical meeting, Elders and Deacons election was carried out and various resolutions were passed.
- d. On October 8 this year, CP ordained Pr. Andrea Ong as our Assoc. Rev., where her main role is to lead the Mandarin Service.
- e. Under the leadership of the EDC, we discerned God's will for Bethel for the next ten years in a collective way and adopted the materials discussed by the Vision committee.
- f. Next year, two Focus Groups will be set up and be involved in a yearlong exploration and planning on Care for the **Future Generation** and **Strengthening our Relationship with God**. We are preparing this for the launch of the new ten-year vision in 2024.
- g. 2023 is the 140th anniversary of Bethel, with the theme **Celebrating our Church History, Uniting our Life Journey**. The committee proposed a series of activities: Announcement of a full year plan on the first worship of 2023, activities on "Family Day" in March, a collective walk in June, "Thanksgiving Worship" and "Heritage Trail" in August, "Thanksgiving Dinner" on 29th December, and commemorative publications. This is to strengthen members' awareness and sense of belonging to the church history of Bethel and to build a springboard for the new ten-year vision.

4. Mission is the Great Commission of the Church

- a. Bethel supports the teaching ministry of Rev. Dr. Jimmy Tan and Dr. Yee Chin Hong at Trinity Theological College (TTC).

- b. Bethel supports Rev. Dr. Samuel Lee and Dr. Violet Lim who serve as missionaries of Cru.
- c. Bethel upholds the missionary work of our predecessors and continues to reach out to the Teochew speaking community.
- d. Bethel continues to support local seminaries (TTC & SBC), Christian organizations and overseas missionaries through prayer and financial assistance.
- e. There is no overseas missionary work at present, but the English class of Vision 2A is maintained.

5. Church is a Part of Society.

- a. All Saints Home (ASH):

The church is the founding church of All Saints Home. The “Home” has four nursing centres, located in: Yishun, Jurong East, Tampines and Poh Huat Road. ASH has a high occupancy rate, exceeding 90% in all; the number of people served by the other three elderly day care centres is slowly returning to pre-pandemic level. All Saints Home bears a huge financial burden, and the board and management actively strengthen the sources of income and watch expenses to ensure healthy finances.

- b. All Saints Memorial Chapel (ASMC):

The church supports the bereavement and caring ministry of ASMC. Since 2nd July, onsite Monthly Memorial Services (MMS) have resumed to help believers and family friends perform appropriate rite to commemorate their predecessors. When necessary, the chapel can be used as a venue for bereavement service. ASMC supports missionaries such as Rev. Rev. Dr. Samuel Lee and Dr. Violet Lim, as well as local seminaries (TTC & SBC). ASMC also supports Trinity lecturers, namely Rev. Dr. Jimmy Tan and Dr. Yee Chin Hong.

- c. Infant Care/ Pre-School / Day Care:

The church pays attention to the ministry of preschool education and reaches out to children and their families with the gospel of Christ. The overall landscape of preschool education has changed with the policies implemented by the government.

We will continue to update and improve the curriculum, facilities, teachers, and management of the centre to keep pace with time. This is a channel for the church to share the gospel with this new generation. This year not only did the two childcare centres resume physical graduation ceremonies, but they also held ceremonies together for the first time.

While conducting a feasibility study on infant care centres, it was found that there were compelling push and pull factor for Bethel to set up the infant care. First the need for infant care has doubled in the past five years. At the same time, the church learned of the news of the establishment of “Jesus the Light Fund”, which gave a strong boost to Christian childcare centres with a one-to-one support formula. In addition, in the next 3-5 years, young families will be moving into the nearby Bidadari residential area. Finally relying on God’s provision, the EDC agreed to vacate one floor of childcare and transform it into infant care, intending to start service next year.

d. Boys' Brigade (BB) and Girls' Brigade (GB) Ministry:

The church continues to support youth ministry in the community through Boys' and Girls' Brigades. We guide and shape them into young people with character and discipline. Chaplains, Captains, Officers and Volunteers are all committed and involved in it seriously, and we thank God for their efforts and fruitful results. This year's physical camp was resumed at the church, and most of the students participated for the first time.

6. Striving to be a faithful and good steward:

- a. Elder Chua Hung Seng has been serving as the church manager since 2006. We thank God for his 16 years of service. After Elder Chua stepped down, Brother Melvyn Heng took over as the church manager.
- b. Since the circuit breaker measures in 2020, this church has been running Safe and Sound Sleeping Place (S3P) for two and a half years. More than 60 stayers have been received. Some have moved to their own homes and rented houses, while others moved to other places. But all stayers had varying degree of contact with the church community and Christian faith. We will make appropriate decisions on the continuance of this ministry in line with the needs of Bethel. Currently, EDC reviews it on a half-yearly basis.
- c. The Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) in Serangoon applied to Bethel to use our place as a teaching venue, and EDC approved its usage starting 2023.
- d. On 5th November, author Lucy Lim borrowed the venue for the book launch of "Joy Beyond Cancer", and Bishop Terry Kee Buck Hwa was present to give an opening speech.

7. Summary statistics for Y 2022:

Adult baptism: 4	Infant baptism: 3	Confirmation: 2
Transfer-in: 4	Transfer-out: 3	Passed on: 10

Written by Rev Lim Tau Wei, translated by Lee Hang Hwa @ May 2, 2023.