

Invitation to a Conversation on “Marriage, Parenthood, and the Role Religious Communities Play” with Minister Indranee Rajah. On Wednesday, 9 September 2026, the National Council of Churches of Singapore hosted a dialogue with Minister Indranee at the St Andrew’s Cathedral New Sanctuary.

The session brought together 104 pastors and church leaders. Attendees gained deeper insights into Singapore’s current demographic challenges and the Government’s strategic plans and priorities. The conversation highlighted the vital role churches play as pillars of community life, nurturing relationships and supporting families across all seasons of life. The session concluded with an engaging and fruitful dialogue between Minister Indranee and the participants, strengthening the partnership between church leaders and the Government in building strong, supportive families. [PHOTOS](#)

Engagement Session with Charity Council. NCCS, in partnership with the Charity Council, hosted an Engagement Session with Charities in the Churches Sector on 21 August 2026. The event drew over 100 attendees from 75 churches and Christian organisations. Bishop Philip Lim, NCCS President, opened with a warm welcome and appreciation for the presence of pastors and church leaders. Ms Theresa Goh, Chairperson of the Charity Council, delivered a keynote on “An Integrated Approach to Building Trust,” highlighting the importance of governance and transparency. A panel dialogue followed, featuring Ms Theresa Goh, Mr Desmond Chin (Commissioner of Charities), and Mr Gregory Vijayendran SC (Charity Council Member). The extended Q&A session addressed key concerns from church leaders, including fundraising practices, church security, and overseas mission fundraising. [PHOTOS](#)

NCCS Donation to Nepal Flood Relief. In response to the devastating flash floods that struck the Rasuwa and Nuwakot regions of Nepal in August 2026, NCCS has contributed S\$8,000 to support emergency relief efforts using the Disaster Relief Fund. The donation has been channelled through the Methodist Mission Society (MMS), which is coordinating with trusted on-the-ground partners such as the Methodist Society of Nepal (MSN) and the Methodist Church in Nepal (MCN). These partners are working alongside inter-denominational and community-integrated bodies to deliver life-saving aid—including clean water, food, medical supplies, and temporary shelter—to all affected households, regardless of religious affiliation.

LSM Applications for Pastors of Independent Churches. The Registry of Marriages (ROM) has requested NCCS to vet Licence to Solemnise Marriages (LSM) applications from pastors of independent churches not administered by a denominational office. Applicants are required to submit an endorsement letter from their church leadership with relevant details. Two character references from senior church leaders are also required for new applications.

- All submissions must be completed online via ROM’s designated links by 31 Dec 26, 5pm.
- Details of requirement and submission are in this [LINK](#).

ETHOS Roundtable 2026. How might a biblical vision of the body challenge contemporary assumptions about ageing, technology and gender, and shape faithful Christian engagement in a rapidly changing world? Join ETHOS Roundtable 2026, where Dr Khaw Siew Ping, Dr Calvin Chong, Dr Fong Choon Sam and Dr Lai Pak-Wah (moderated by Rev Dr Edmund Fong) will engage these questions through the lens of Christian theology.

- Date/Time 25 Sep 26, Friday, 8pm
- Venue: Bible House (Armenian Street)
- Details and registration at this [LINK](#)

Notice Board. NCCS would like to share with you the following upcoming events and other matters that may be of interest to members and friends (details are found in the relevant links):

Marriage Mentoring for Newlyweds: The Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) is expanding its Community Marriage Mentoring initiative. The training programme for mentors is known as Journeying with You (JoY) – meant to journey alongside newlywed couples and support them in building strong and meaningful marriages.

The JoY Programme is currently recruiting Community Marriage Mentors. You may sign up as a husband-and-wife team to be trained as JoY Community Marriage Mentors. Induction training is provided by MSF at no cost (FOC).

- More information at this [LINK](#)
- Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/MentorSignUpJoY>

Koinonia Inclusion Network, or KIN, is a registered charity and Christian disability missions organisation that partners with churches, enabling them to welcome and disciple people of all abilities. They have now drawn up Inclusive Events Guidelines — a practical resource to help churches design events that are more disability-inclusive. The guide introduces the principles of inclusion, the needs of different people groups, and practical considerations for creating accessible events. A copy of the guide can be found at this [LINK](#)

Electronic Offering for St Luke's Hospital. The National Day Thanksgiving Service on 13 August had designated the evening's offering in support of St Luke's Hospital (SLH). If you missed the opportunity to donate to SLH, NCCS encourages you to donate to the Hospital which has provided more information for your consideration, including tax deduction eligibility. Please visit this [LINK](#)