

General Household Survey (2025): Meeting of Church Leaders. The National Council of Churches of Singapore (NCCS) organised a meeting of church leaders to discuss the General Household Survey (GHS) 2025 and its implications for the Christian community in Singapore. It was held on 13 October in the NCCS office.

The church leaders gathered to share and to hear from one other and benefitted from the variety of perspectives. The meeting concluded with a decision to collate the collective recommendations of the Christian leaders. NCCS will coordinate with church leaders on the final document before it is circulated. The gathering of church leaders represented the following churches and Christian organisations:

The Methodist Church in Singapore • The Anglican Diocese of Singapore • The Lutheran Church in Singapore • The Presbyterian Church in Singapore • The Salvation Army Singapore • The Evangelical Free Church of Singapore • The Church of Singapore • The Roman Catholic Archdiocese • The Singapore Baptist Convention • The Bible-Presbyterian Church in Singapore • City Harvest Church • New Creation Church • Love Singapore • The Evangelical Alliance of Singapore [PHOTOS](#)

Congratulations to NCCS President Bishop Philip Lim who was appointed to the new Presidential Council for Racial and Religious Harmony (PCRRH) which began its inaugural three-year term on 15 September. The PCRRH replaced the previous Presidential Council for Religious Harmony and comprises 12 representatives from Singapore's major racial and religious communities who have distinguished themselves in public service or community relations. [MORE](#)

NCCS Exco hosts Cardinal William Goh. The NCCS leaders hosted Cardinal William Goh of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese and Rev Fr Jude David to a lunch fellowship on 29 September. Fr Jude is the Rector of the St Francis Xavier Major Seminary. In November 2025, Cardinal William initiated a lunch fellowship with NCCS leaders at his official residence and office at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd at Victoria Street. Reciprocating the hospitality of the Cardinal, church leaders picked up where they left off and discussed the changes and challenges of pastoral ministry and the need to reach the younger generation more effectively in matters of faith.

Cardinal William shared that he continues to preach and emphasise to Catholics that they must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ for a meaningful faith journey. When it comes to the Sunday homily (or preaching), he said that the *"Kerygma must come before Didache"*. In other words, people must have a living relationship with Jesus before they can benefit from teaching and discipleship training. In this regard, the church leaders shared their perspectives of the different focus on the Word and Sacrament on a given Sunday. NCCS leaders also enquired of the Cardinal on the growth of the Catholic Church in Singapore which was one of the highlights of the General Household Survey (2025). [PHOTO](#)

Fellowship with Church Leaders. On 13 October, the NCCS leaders hosted a lunch fellowship with several pastors and church leaders. Held twice a year, it was a meaningful time of deepening relationships and learning more about each other's heart for ministry. The hosts also learned about the unique mission and service of their guests. There was lively, insightful discussion surrounding the recent General Household Survey results. A central theme resonated with everyone throughout our time together: the incredible potential for churches and social service agencies to work hand in hand to serve and uplift our local community in practical and meaningful ways. NCCS is thankful for the partnership of the following church leaders: [PHOTO](#)

- **Pastor Andrew Khoo**, who chairs the Harmony Circle Coordinating Council, is pastor of [New Hope Community Services](#)
- **Rev Leonard Chong** is the Executive Director of the [Singapore Baptist Convention](#)
- **Rev Manik Corea** is National Director of the [Singapore Centre for Global Missions](#)
- **Joanna Koh-Hoe** is Executive Director of the [Gatekeepers Singapore](#)
- **James Tan** is CEO of the [TOUCH Community Services](#)

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):

Ethos Lecture 2026 – “Poverty and Wealth, and the Pursuit of the Kingdom”. Jesus proclaims the coming of God’s Kingdom, blesses the poor, and warns of the spiritual dangers of wealth. Yet Scripture also calls those with resources to steward them faithfully as disciples of Christ. In prosperous Singapore, how should Christians think about wealth, generosity, justice and faithful discipleship in light of God’s Kingdom? Join Dr Clive Lim as he explores these biblical questions and their implications for Christian life today.

- Date/Time : 29 Oct 2026, Thursday 8pm – 9.30pm
- Venue : Trinity Theological College (MPH Level 1), 490 Upper Bukit Timah Rd, Singapore 678093
- To register, click the link [here](#)
- Link to event : ethosinstitute.sg/ethoslect26

Military Christian Fellowship (MCF) is organising an NS Conference 2026: "Following Jesus During National Service". It aims to help participants stay rooted in Christ, build meaningful Christian community in NS, and prepare for a life of service both during and beyond NS. It is designed for pre-enlistees, full-time National Servicemen (NSFs), NSmen, regulars serving in the SAF, SCDF and SPF, as well as parents and church leaders who wish to support young men in their journey of faith through NS. The programme includes keynote messages from Col Joshua Gopal, Dr Tan Lai Yong and Senior Pastor Chua Seng Lee, a GROW testimony, practical breakout sessions and commissioning prayer. Attendees can choose from four breakout tracks: 1) Preparing for NS, 2) Building Christian Community in Camp, 3) Mission Beyond NS, 4) Faith in Uniform, with the last track open only to SAF, SCDF and SPF regulars.

- Date/Time : Sat 28 Nov, Registration opens at 8:30 am
- Venue : Full Gospel Assembly, Level 4, 15 Playfair Road (367987)
- Details/Registration : [LINK](#)

LSM Applications for Pastors of Independent Churches. The Registry of Marriages (ROM) has requested NCCS to vet the 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 2026, 5pm
- Details of requirement and submission are in this [LINK](#)

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>