

PLEDGE SUNDAY 20 JULY 2025

30 June 2025

My Dear CCMC Friends:

This would be my last letter to you as your Pastor-in-Charge. It has been an exciting journey with you over the last three years. I am utterly grateful to the leaders, staff and congregants for your kindness towards me. You were gracious and generous towards me and Dawn, and we will never forget that.

However, as sometimes happens, our Trinity Annual Conference appoints pastors out and also appoints other pastors into the churches. You will be blessed to have Rev Kenneth Huang and Rev David Ho Seng Hian to be your Pastor-in-Charge and Pastor respectively. From my interactions with them, I believe them to be good pastors who will bring much benefit, by God's grace, to CCMC.

In particular, Rev Huang is an experienced past PIC and also previously the Director of Schools Ministry in the Methodist Church. He will no doubt be an asset to CCMC along with Rev Ho who used to be a LMS in Barker Road MC, thus having familiarity with serving in a school-based church.

As you therefore pray about your contribution to God's work through your pledge, I encourage you to listen carefully to our loving God, who knows your need and also will never leave you in a position where He is not in control of.

We remember the Shepherd's Psalm, 23 verses: 1–2, 5–6 (ESV)

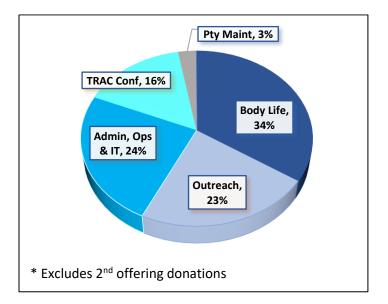
¹The Lord is my shepherd; **I shall (have all I need)**. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

There is assurance here in the faithfulness of God towards us, who provides us our needs. There may be those among us who are challenged in our financial situations. Do approach the church and we will endeavour to help you.

For FY 2025 (ending 31 July 2025), we are projecting a surplus of about \$41.9k, compared to our initial forecast of a \$0.4m deficit. For FY 2026, expenditures are anticipated to increase by 12.2% reaching approximately \$3.2m. Based on our current projections, if we receive \$2.7m through pledges and offerings only, we will still face a shortfall of \$0.4m. However, we trust that God, working through your generosity, can help close this gap. We encourage everyone to prayerfully consider how each can contribute and pledge to support God's work.

Below is a breakdown of the FY 2026 budget.



57% is for ministry work, including disciple building, with 23% apportioned to outreach.

For those of us whom God has appointed as stewards of wealth, let us remember two things.

- 1. All that we have, including the most precious gift of the Lord Jesus Christ, comes from God, who has generously allowed us to manage His wealth.
- 2. The wealth that God has appointed to us is temporal, only usable while we live, which is not long at all, compared to the eternity we will face when we go to be with our Lord.

Having this in mind, we can release our trust to God and give generously to his purposes. As can be noted from our budget, we strive to be prudent but faithful to the task that God has given us. While we never overspend, we are not averse to investing in God's kingdom generously to be a blessing to others.

On **Pledge Sunday, 20 July 2025,** we will come together as a church family to dedicate our pledges to the Lord for the new financial year. Please submit your completed Pledge Commitment form in person on that day, online via the QR code or https://www.ccmc.org.sg/mypledge, or mail it to the church office.



May God grant you the clarity of His purposes for the wealth He has bestowed upon you as you consider your tithe.

In God's Love & Service,

Reverend David Gwee Pastor-in-Charge

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