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This Week's Services

7.30am - Peranakan Service

Speaker: Nyonya Phebe Kodrat

Sermon Title: "Dasar 2 Ketetapan"

Scripture Lesson: Bilangan 28:1-2, 29:1-6, 30:1-2

9am & 11.15am - Sanctuary & Celebration Services

Speaker: Rev Irene Thung

Sermon Title: "Making Choices"

Scripture Lesson: Numbers 31 & 32

9am - Youth Service

Speaker: Rev Wendy Tay

Sermon Title: "Words Determine Destiny"

Scripture Lesson: Numbers 13:26-28

9am & 11.15am - Mandarin Services

Speaker: Brother Gary Goh

Sermon Title: Rainbow Covenant

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 8:20-9:17

A Family Blessed to Bless the Community and the Nations

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Next Week at PLMC

TUE, 22 AUG

7.45pm - D&N: Disciple1 Course Haven Room

WED, 23 AUG

7.45pm - Mandarin Service D&N: Jerusalem Room
Living a Balanced Life in a Busy World

THU, 24 AUG

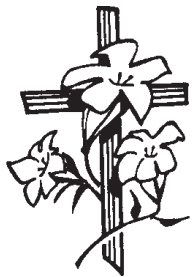
7.30pm - D&N: Basic Counselling Jordan Hall

SAT, 26 AUG

9.30am - D&N: New Testament - Haven Room
Text, Transmission & Translation

2.00pm Missions Talk: From Tea Shops to Haven Room
Karaoke Bars - Taiwan's Most
Unreached People Group

4.00pm - Peranakan Fellowship Jerusalem Room



Bereavement

Our condolences to the families of the late:

- Mdm Lum Lye Lian @Lam Soong Lian
- Mdm Teo Hui Nyoh



Wedding

Our congratulations to **Ben Chia & Sin Su-Lyn**, who were united in Holy Matrimony on 12 Aug 2017.

Pastoral Team Update

Bishop Emeritus Dr Wee Boon Hup joined the Pastoral Team as Pastor on 1 August 2017. Bishop Wee may be reached at email weebh@plmc.org.

Pledge Commitments

We have received pledges from **943** members and friends. Praise God!

At a glance –

- Operating Budget FY 2017/2018: \$10.624 million
- Projected Income from Pledges & Tithes: \$8.230 million
- Pledge Commitments as at **13 August 2017**: \$4.565 million

Members and friends who wish to pledge may do so by putting your pledge cards into the boxes at the Sanctuary or into the offering bags. Thank you.

Electronic funds transfer for Tithes and Pledges

If you wish to tithe via GIRO, interbank transfers, or internet banking, you may do so using the following details:

Account Name: Paya Lebar Methodist Church • **Bank Name:** DBS BANK LTD
Bank Code: 7171 • **Branch Code:** 023 • **Account Number:** 023-905121-9

Cell Groups

If you wish to be involved in a vibrant community of believers - sharing life experiences, encouraging one another, developing deep fellowship with others, praying and being prayed for, worshipping and studying God's Word - join a cell group **TODAY!** For more information, email cellministry@plmc.org.

PLMC Inner Healing Ministry (previously known as SOZO Ministry)

An inner healing and deliverance ministry (which uses Sozo tools) that helps you enhance personal connection with God, empowering you to fulfil your God-given purpose. For appointments or enquiries, email plihm@plmc.org or call [81190555](tel:81190555).

Baptism & Membership Class (BMC) Sep-Nov 2017

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.

It is an expression that we belong to Jesus Christ and His Church.

Do you want to be baptised in the faith? Do you want to be confirmed as a member of this church? Do you want to transfer your membership into PLMC?

1. Obtain the BMC Form from Contact Point
2. Complete & Submit it **by Sunday, 10 Sep 2017**
3. Attend ALL the BMC Sessions

BMC Sessions: Thursdays, 21, 28 Sep, 5, 19 Oct, 2 & 9 Nov 2017; 7.30pm-10pm • **Venue:** Conference Room • **Ministry Weekend:** Saturday, 14 or 28 Oct; 9am-3pm (You will be assigned to attend either 14 or 28 Oct)

Mandarin Service BMC Sessions: Saturdays, 7, 14, 21, 28 Oct & 4 Nov 2017; 2.30pm to 5.00pm • **Venue:** Conference Room

Combined Baptism Service: Sunday, 19 Nov 2017; 2.30pm

Confirmation Service: Sunday, 26 Nov 2017

For enquiries on English BMC, please email andy@plmc.org; for Mandarin BMC, please email livingstones@plmc.org.

PLMC Bereavement Support Teams

Do you have a heart for those who are bereaved and grieving? We need members who can be a supportive and loving presence at wake services and help out in practical ways like arranging chairs, distributing service bulletins, and even playing the keyboard as part of our PLMC Bereavement Support Teams.

Please leave your name and contact details at the Contact Point if you are interested. Or contact Soo Hoong at 62851234 or soohoong@plmc.org for more information. There will be briefing on **Saturday, 2 Sep at 9.30 am in the Conference Room** for those who sign up.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare is a support group that meets fortnightly for 13 sessions **starting from Tuesdays, 12 Sep from 7.30pm-9.30pm.** You'll find it to be a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an "oasis" in an otherwise difficult season of your life. Find help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce. For more details, please email Grace at grace@plmc.org

Participants who attended the 1st and 2nd support groups testify:

"I am blessed for having had the opportunity to attend this course. Divorce is often seen as a stigma in the church community. However, Divorcecare has helped me to find and rely on God in all situations I'm in. This course has granted me peace and built my trust in God." Anonymous

"Structured, simple, real and easy to understand." Anonymous

Counselling Services

Are you feeling overwhelmed and stressed out with struggles in your life and need someone to share with? You can contact our trained counsellors for an appointment at pastoralcare@plmc.org or [62851234](tel:62851234).

PRAYERFOCUS

MISSIONS

MEKONG

Boonchiaw

1) Pray for God's guidance for the people in Bueng Kan to understand the basics of leading a Christian life until a suitable pastor joins to lead them. Pray that all disputes caused by misunderstandings be resolved.

2) Pray for the hearts of the new converts at God is Good Church Chonburi to beat for Jesus even as the church launches new activities for the 4th quarter of the year.

John Lim

1) Pray for the Methodist Church in Thailand as they continue to equip and encourage the Pastors and Leaders to reach out to the nation especially to the tribal and rural community.

KG & C

1) Pray for KG and C's processing of visa application to be speedy and not stressful. Pray that they will be granted another year's visa so that they can return to the field by the end of this month.

EAST ASIA

Songs

- 1) Pray for the Song family's health during these extremely hot days.
- 2) Pray for wisdom as the TAN-NW workers negotiate with the school authorities to allow their children to be admitted while they resolve their residency issues. Pray for God's grace and provision in this matter.

Anna Joy

- 1) Pray for Anna's husband, Peter, as he serves at the Migrant ministry at Fairfield Methodist Church for two months.
- 2) Pray as Anna explores new access areas when she returns to East Asia for another term next year.

SKI

- 1) Pray for a strong team of leaders with integrity to lead the university. Pray for more teachers to join the university.
- 2) Pray for SKI as she prepares for a new subject that she will be teaching in the new semester.

Eve

- 1) Pray for Eve to have a renewed mind daily to see opportunities to please God in her interactions with people at her workplace, at the start of a new academic year with new students and teaching partners.
- 2) Pray for Eve's health as she has not been able to sleep too well with the warm summer nights, mosquitoes and general discomfort.

CENTRAL ASIA

ZY

- 1) Pray for ZY to be filled with the knowledge of God's will, for wisdom and understanding that the Holy Spirit gives. Pray that ZY may live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way.
- 2) Pray for ZY and her family to have God's peace and assurance to know God's will and timing for sending her back to the field.

PARA-CHURCH WORKERS

Navigators Singapore – Roger Yeo

- 1) Pray for Roger and Pearlyn to be discerning to know which ministry opportunities are doors God is opening and which are not. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel as they relate to people in tech.
- 2) Pray for Roger and Pearlyn as they continue to minister to NavTech members, that the members will understand the true meaning of being Christ' disciples. Pray that they would love God and His people more daily.

Fellowship of Evangelical Students – Siah May Lan

- 1) Pray for the smooth recruitment of good and committed students for the FES' Morph exposure program in August and September 2017.
- 2) Pray for May Lan to have wisdom and ample time to prepare for the James Cook University Christian Fellowship Bible teaching camp in October.

Cru Singapore – Nigel Ho

- 1) Pray for Nigel to live a life of genuine faith.
- 2) Pray for Nigel to live his life in a manner worthy of the Gospel.

YWAM Singapore – Colleen Khoo

- 1) Pray for salvation and safety for Colleen's father and sister.
- 2) Pray for Colleen's grandmother's health to improve.

YWAM Singapore – Tessa Choo

- 1) Pray for the Community Development team and the base leadership as they decide on the set up of the Community Development training in Singapore. Pray for good communication and understanding between them as they are in the pioneering stage.
- 2) Pray for wisdom and strength for the Homeless Ministry team as they face health, faith and personal crises. Pray for the homeless to have the courage to accept Jesus into their lives and choose to follow His ways.

Wycliffe Singapore – Grace Tan

- 1) Pray for Grace and her team to have safe travels, good health and be a blessing to their host as they travel on a missions trip to Indonesia for a Bible dedication from 25th to 29th August 2017. Pray that the people group will be blessed with their new Bibles.

DISCIPLESHIP & NURTURE

1. New Testament: Text, Transmission and Translation

Ever wondered how the New Testament you are holding in your hands came to be? Are you interested to know the “life-story” of the New Testament? Rev Dr Lim Kar Yong will be back to help us understand the history of the text, transmission, and translation of the New Testament. You will be given insights into how we got the New Testament in its ancient Greek and modern English forms. He will reveal to us details on the earliest New Testament manuscripts and assist us to understand the evidence supporting the reliability of the New Testament. You won't want to miss this opportunity to acquaint yourself with the history of our New Testament.

Date/Time: Saturday, 26 Aug/9.30am-1pm • **Venue:** Haven (Sanctuary Block, Level 1) • **Speaker:** Rev Dr Lim Kar Yong (New Testament lecturer at STM, author and pastor) • **Cost:** \$10 per person

Register at Contact Point by **TODAY**. For enquiries contact Kwang Meng at 6285 1234 or email to kwangmeng@plmc.org.

2. With All Your Heart

Do you remember where your blessings come from? In Exodus, God warned Israel to remember Him when they left the dry desert and reached the fertile fields of the Promised Land. However, the Israelites quickly forgot God and began to rely on themselves. In this study, we will learn together how we can follow God with all our heart by making space for God and learning to continuously rely on Him. This is a 6-session study of the book of Exodus for all who are interested to know how to follow God with all their heart.

Dates/Time: Every Monday, 4 Sep to 9 Oct 2017/9.30am-12noon

Venue: Conference Room • **Facilitator:** Mr Low Kwang Meng

Cost: \$10 per person

Register at Contact Point by **Sunday, 27 Aug 2017**. For enquiries contact Kwang Meng at 6285 1234 or email to kwangmeng@plmc.org.

3. Living the Autumn Years

This is a spiritual formation course which explores the challenges and hidden graces of our later years and how one can live according to these graces and continue to grow more fully in God's love.

Each session will offer opportunities for input, quiet prayerful reflection, discussion and sharing and a prayerful reflective activity to do during the week. Recommended for those who want to live their later years well in relationship with God. Please register at the Contact Point **by Monday, 28 Aug 2017**. For more information please contact Soo Hoong at soohoong@plmc.org or 62851234.

Dates: 5, 12, 19, 26 Sep, 3 Oct (Tuesdays) • **Time:** 9.30am-11.30am • **Venue:** Haven • **Cost:** \$20 • **Group size:** 20 maximum • **Facilitator:** Teo Soo Hoong

Healing Wounded Heart

Do you struggle with forgiving yourself or others? Do you find yourself still holding in anger and resentment even after you've forgiven someone who has wronged you? Do you desire to be free from the bondages of your past? Steve Diehl uncovers the seven keys that will help you practise forgiveness, find true freedom and healing, and lead an abundant life. Learn to develop a lifestyle of forgiveness by receiving God's forgiveness, and forgiving yourself and others. Through practical teaching and testimonies, his book - Unlocking The Treasure of forgiveness - will help you overcome self-condemnation, resolve anger towards God and restore your broken relationships.

Date/Time: Saturday, 9 Sep 2017/ 9.30am-5.00pm • **Venue:** Pentecost Methodist Church • **Registration Fee:** \$12 (incl. bento lunch and tea) • **Speaker:** Steve Diehl

For more info, please visit www.facebook.com/tracwscs, email wsc-strac@gmail.com or call +65 61009727 (TRAC WSCS).

TRAC Fireplace

Once a month, come & join people who hunger for more of God and His revival in the Holy Spirit for TRAC churches. This revival prayer meeting is open to all. There is no fixed agenda or speaker, but there will be plenty of worship & prayer time. Pastor Jonathan is anchoring this revival prayer meeting for the time being. See you there!

Date/Time: Friday, 25 Aug 2017/ 7.30 pm -10.00 pm • **Venue:** Covenant Chapel

Israel Trip

There will be a Trip to Israel in late May/June 2018. Please watch this space for more details.

GLOWING YEARS MINISTRY (GYM)

1. GYM Health Special - Eat & Live Healthy (Intro to Zumba & Health Talks)

Date/Time: Saturday, 26 Aug/2pm-5pm • **Cost:** \$6 (incl. tea)

Venue: Jordan Hall (Please wear comfortable sports attire)

Speakers: Mr Yip Kok Tho - The Power of Faith and Belief in Mental Health, Mrs May Ing - Food, Lifestyle & The Brain

Register at the GYM Counter by **TODAY**. For more details, refer to the GYM Notice Board opposite the breakfast counter in the Fellowship Hall or contact Henry Goh at [96737378](tel:96737378) or Evelyn Chua at [91122091](tel:91122091).

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MISSIONS

1. Missions Talk: From Tea Shops to Karaoke Bars - Taiwan's Most Unreached People Group

This talk by Ms Sin Ee from Overseas Missionaries Fellowship (OMF) will focus on missions and outreach opportunities on Taiwan's working-class. They are considered an Unreached People Group (UPG) as just 0.5% of the working-class in Taiwan know Christ. You will also hear about an upcoming trip to reach out to working-class women from tea shops to karaoke bars in Wanhua, Taiwan. Simultaneous Mandarin translation is provided at this talk.

Date/Time: Saturday, 26 Aug 2017/ 2.00pm-3.30pm • **Venue:** Haven room

Registration: Contact Point or email to daphne@plmc.org by **Thursday, 24 Aug 2017.**

2. Missions Talk: "Kingdom Work in Central Asia" by WEC

Our speaker from Worldwide Evangelisation for Christ (WEC), a former research and development engineer from Central Asia will speak on the opportunities and challenges of doing business and transforming people groups in this area. Central Asia comprises countries known as the "stans": Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan, as well as Mongolia, Afghanistan and the western part of China. These locations are among the less travelled, but perhaps most intriguing areas of Asia. Come and hear from a visionary on what ethical business, shifting spiritual atmosphere, and empowering local people really means. Talk is in English with Mandarin translation upon request.

Date/Time: Sunday, 10 Sept 2017/ 2.00pm-3.30pm • **Venue:** Conference Room • **Registration:** Contact Point or email to daphne@plmc.org by **Tuesday, 5 Sep 2017. Note:** Attendance by registration only.

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Missions Trips 2017

Location	Dates	Estimated Cost	Closing Date	Description of Trip/Ministry Work
India	End Nov – Early Dec	\$1,500	TBA	Ministry to men, women and children in villagers
ChiangMai, Hope House	2-7 Dec	\$1,500	Limited spaces available	Ministering to the children and youth of Hope House and visiting the newly opened day care centre.
Yunnan, East Asia	12 – 19 Dec	\$1,300	Limited spaces available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Home Visits • Leadership Training • Care and encouragement to local leaders and field workers
FZ, East Asia	16 – 23 Dec	\$1,200	17 Sep	“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” Come with us to befriend and bring the gospel to university students, migrant workers and special needs children.
Wanhua, Taiwan	16 - 23 Dec	\$800-\$1000	17 Sep	<p>Join OMF’s Pearl team in Taiwan’s Wanhua, reaching out to working-class women. Put on a Christmas program, go carolling, prayer walking, and, support other local ministries. Majority of team members will need to have conversational Mandarin.</p> <p>For more info, search “OMF Reaching out to working-class women” in your web-browser.</p>

1. Please enquire or register at the Contact Point or email daphne@plmc.org
 2. Dates and cost of trips are subject to change.
 3. All first time trippers are required to attend a Missions Preparatory course. You can attend one of the two sessions scheduled on 30 Sep & 11 Nov, from 2.00pm to 5.00pm.
 4. All trippers are required to attend several pre-trip preparation sessions conducted by PLMC trip leaders or by the missions agency for agency-led trips.
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***Please note that registration for courses, talks, workshops, events & activities, Missions trips and any other activity mentioned in this flyer is strictly on a first-come-first-served basis. Once the maximum number of participants has been reached, the event or activity will be deemed to be full regardless of closing date originally stated. All information in this flyer is deemed to be correct as at the date of publishing.**



Trials and Temptations

**Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,
whenever you face trials of many kinds,
because you know that the testing of your faith
produces perseverance. Let perseverance
finish its work so that you may be mature
and complete, not lacking anything.**

James 1:2-4