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## **This Week's Services**

**7.30am - Peranakan Service**

**Speaker:** Rev Raymond Seet

**Sermon Title:** "Membuat Pilihan"

**Scripture Lesson:** Bilangan 31 & 32

**9am & 11.15am - Sanctuary & Celebration Services**

**Speaker:** Rev Christopher Chin

**Sermon Title:** Continuing The Legacy

**Scripture Lesson:** Numbers 33 & 34

**9am - Youth Service**

**Speaker:** Mr Joshua Heng

**Sermon Title:** "Heal our Tongues Today"

**Scripture Lesson:** John 7:1-9

**9am & 11.15am - Mandarin Services**

**Speaker:** Rev Dr Jonathan Seet

**Sermon Title:** "The Covenant"

**Scripture Lesson:** Genesis 15

**A Family Blessed to Bless the Community and the Nations**

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## Next Week at PLMC

**TUE, 29 AUG**

7.45pm - D&N: Disciple1 Course Haven Room

**WED, 30 AUG**

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

**THU, 31 AUG**

7.30pm - D&N: Basic Counselling Jordan Hall

**FRI, 1 SEP**

7.30pm - Family Life Ministry: The Marriage Course Jordan Hall

**SAT, 2 SEP**

9.30am - Bereavement Support Team Briefing Conference Room

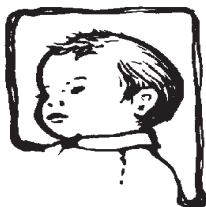
4.00pm - Peranakan Fellowship Jerusalem Room

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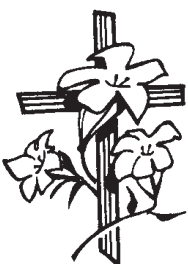
### Wedding

Our congratulations to **Amos Cai & Pamela Goh**, who were united in Holy Matrimony on 19 Aug 2017.



### New Birth

Our congratulations to **Mong Yong and Esther Sim** on the birth of their son, **Elijah Sim Rong Jie** on 15 Aug 2017.



### Bereavement

Our condolences to Christina Yap and her family on the demise of her 3rd sister, **Yap Geok Pin** on 18 Aug 2017.

## Pledge Commitments

We have received pledges from **973** 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 **20 August 2017**: \$4.751 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.

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## 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

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## 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](mailto:weebh@plmc.org).

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## 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](mailto:cellministry@plmc.org).

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## 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](mailto:plihm@plmc.org) or call [81190555](tel:81190555).

## 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](mailto: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.

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## 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 an overview of what to expect during the 13 weeks, do join us for an orientation/registration session on Sunday, 10 Sep at 2pm**. For more details, please email Grace at [grace@plmc.org](mailto: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*

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## 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](mailto:pastoralcare@plmc.org) or [62851234](tel:62851234).

## The New Charis Enterprise Pte Ltd

The New Charis Enterprise Pte Ltd is a social enterprise by The New Charis Mission with the aim of providing jobs for ex-offenders. The following services are available at highly reasonable prices:

- House, office and warehouse relocation (local)
- Painting and maintenance of property
- Setting up of exhibition booths for conventions/events

Kindly contact The New Charis Enterprise at 6438 3707 for a free quotation.

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## Testimony

I had this left shoulder stiffness over a period of several months and that had given me much discomfort, even not allowing me to make full left turns of my body easily. Last Sunday I responded to Pastor's invitation to put our hand on the affected part when she mentioned someone having something affecting the shoulder. On Sunday night, I noticed that the stiffness had disappeared and I have not had any discomfort in that area since Sunday. Praise the Lord and glory be to God for this healing!

- *Anonymous*

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## Testimonies

We welcome testimonies of God's work in your life as an encouragement to others! Please email your testimony to [testimonies@plmc.org](mailto:testimonies@plmc.org), along with your name and contact details.

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*Galatians 6:9*

**Let us not become weary in doing good,  
for at the proper time we will reap a  
harvest if we do not give up.**

## PRAYERFOCUS

1. Our Church's new financial year has begun. Let us ask the Lord to help us to be good stewards of the resources He has entrusted to PLMC as we go about doing the work of His Kingdom.

2. According to a ChannelNewsAsia report, "The world's blind will increase threefold from about 36 million today to 115 million in 2050 as populations expand and individuals grow ever older, researchers said on Thursday, 3 Aug. The number of people with a moderate to severe vision impairment - only those not corrected by glasses, contact lenses or an operation - will also near triple, from about 217 million to 588 million over the same period." Let us pray for a greater understanding of the needs of visually impaired people and for guidance and opportunities to reach out to them with practical help and the gospel.

3. Let us come together as a nation to pray against the high incidence of diabetes in Singapore. Ask the Lord for discipline to take care of our health as it will ultimately impact the well-being of our nation and its people.

4. In an increasingly unstable world beset with tensions, wars, the refugee crisis, persecution, natural disasters and diseases, let us use the suggestion of Pete Greig, the founder of the 24/7 prayer movement to pray for our world.

*Pray for:* People - those who are grieving, bereaved, displaced or injured; Pastors or Priests - these people have their greatest ever ministry opportunity, just when they too are dealing with the same trauma; Politicians - those in the country and in the international community who are seeking to restore order and provide aid; Peacemakers - the NGOs and aid agencies working on the ground to meet the immediate and long-term needs such as tending wounds, delivering food and water, reuniting families and rebuilding communities.

And here is our reason for persisting in prayer:

*"He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. Everyone will sit under their own vine and under their own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the LORD Almighty has spoken."* Micah 4:3-4 (NIV)

## DISCIPLESHIP & NURTURE

### 1. 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 **TODAY**. For enquiries contact Kwang Meng at 6285 1234 or email to [kwangmeng@plmc.org](mailto:kwangmeng@plmc.org).

### 2. 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](mailto: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

# 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](mailto:andy@plmc.org); for Mandarin BMC, please email [livingstones@plmc.org](mailto:livingstones@plmc.org).

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## Women's Society of Christian Service (WSCS)

### 1. 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.

**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

Register at the WSCS counter in the Fellowship Hall **TODAY**. All ladies and gentlemen are welcome. For more info, please visit [www.facebook.com/tracwscs](http://www.facebook.com/tracwscs), email [wscstrac@gmail.com](mailto:wscstrac@gmail.com) or call +65 61009727 (TRAC WSCS).



## 2. TRAC WSCS Week of Prayer & Self Denial (10-16 Sep 2017)

### TRAC WSCS Week of Prayer & Self Denial Closing Service

**Date/Time:** Saturday, 16 Sep 2017/2.30pm-4.30pm • **Venue:** Sophia Blackmore Hall, Level 6, Methodist Centre, Barker Road, S(309936) • **Speaker:** Dean Ong Guek Ju, Tung Lin Bible School • **Topic:** "Walk Worthy of Your Calling", Ephesians 4:1-6

Register at WSCS counter in the Fellowship Hall **TODAY** and **3 Sep 2017**.

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### Israel Trip

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

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WITH US

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INSTAGRAM: [@PLMC\\_SG](https://www.instagram.com/PLMC_SG)

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### *Hebrews 11:6*

**And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.**

## **GLOWING YEARS MINISTRY (GYM)**

### **1. TRAC GYM High Tea at Bedok Methodist Church cum Trip to Tampines Hub**

This is an outreach event. Pre-believers (F.O.C), 2-way transport provided

**Date/Time:** Saturday, 16 Sep 2017/10.30am-5pm • **Venue:** PLMC Plaza

**Cost:** \$6 (incl. high tea)

### **2. GYM Health Talk - The Key to Living and Aging Without Disease - by Dr Clarence Ing**

**Date:** Monday, 18 Sep 2017/7.30pm • **Cost:** \$2 • **Venue:** PLMC Conference Room

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## **MISSIONS**

### **1. 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](mailto:daphne@plmc.org) by

**Tuesday, 5 Sep 2017. Note:** Attendance by registration only.

# Missions Trips 2017

Location	Dates	Estimated Cost	Closing Date	Description of Trip/ Ministry Work
Philippines	9-14 Nov	\$650	30 Sep*	All are welcome. Join us to minister to the poor & needy in Philippines & experience their way of life in the impoverished Tondo district. If you are interested to join us or support us in our fund raising, please contact: Alice Goh 9178 9254.
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"> <li>• Village Home Visits</li> <li>• Leadership Training</li> <li>• Care and encouragement to local leaders and field workers</li> </ul>
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.

Location	Dates	Estimated Cost	Closing Date	Description of Trip/ Ministry Work
Wanhua, Taiwan	16-23 Dec	\$800-\$1000	17 Sep*	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. For more info, search "OMF Reaching out to working-class women" in your web-browser.

\* Or until full.

1. Please enquire or register at the Contact Point or email [daphne@plmc.org](mailto: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.

**\*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.**