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Welcome to the PLMC Family 欢迎加入PLMC 大家庭

On 17 May, Paya Lebar Methodist Church celebrated with new believers who were baptised as a public declaration of their faith in Jesus Christ. We also welcomed new members to the PLMC family through confirmation and transfer the following Sunday (24 May).

There was much rejoicing during the combined baptism service as family members, loved ones and church friends filled the Sanctuary to witness the momentous occasion.

Some 43 individuals of all ages were baptised, with another seven reaffirmations and 12 transfers of membership.

All glory to the Lord for journeying with them and causing their faith to flourish.

Share the joy of the day through the photos on the next page.

5月17日，巴耶利峇卫理公会堂举行了盛大的洗礼仪式，与受洗的新信徒们一起欢庆。随后的周日（5月24日），我们也通过坚信礼和转会仪式欢迎新成员加入教会大家庭。

亲朋好友齐聚圣殿，共同见证受洗的信徒们公开宣告他们对耶稣基督的信仰这一重要时刻，现场充满了喜乐。

共有43位不同年龄的信徒受洗，另有7位信徒重申信仰，12位信徒转会。

感谢主与他们同行，使他们的信仰茁壮成长。

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Inclusivi-TEA Fun at Gardens by the Bay

BY NICHOLAS ONG

On 30 May 2026, the Inclusivi-TEA champions organised an outing to the Flower Dome at Gardens by The Bay. Over 20 of us enjoyed the fellowship and activities such as a photo hunt and Bingo, as well as the yummy lunch.

Apart from the fun and laughter, I also benefitted from the frank conversations with our members with autism or are visually impaired about their employment challenges. Behind the need for a job is their desire for a dignified life, which I can empathise with, even though I couldn't offer any help there and then.

Upon further reflection, I wondered whether things can be different if the whole church had the same awareness and our collective networks and influence can be activated. Surely we can make a bigger difference for these brothers and sisters..

Just as the Bible has called us to speak up for the voiceless, I pray that the Inclusivi-TEA team can be an effective advocate for our differently challenged friends to the rest of the church family.

The next Inclusivi-TEA event is on 18 September. Those interested to serve with the Inclusivi-TEA champions for our quarterly activities can contact nurture@plmc.org



Photos by the Inclusivi-TEA champions

AI Goes to Church: Exploring Artificial Intelligence and Ethics

BY YEOW LENG CHOW

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In recent years, AI, or artificial intelligence, has become a buzzword globally. The fear of the technologically un-savvy is that AI may one day annihilate humans from the face of the earth. In an attempt to learn more, particularly its relationship to Christians and the Church, I attended the talk on 23 May by Associate Professor Tham Chen Khong and Dr. Kelvin C.M. Chong, both experts in the field.

Through the session, which was organised by the Discipleship & Nurture Ministry and which attracted over 230 attendees, I gained a deeper understanding of the mechanics and technical aspects of AI and AI-related entities, such as ChatGPT, LLMs, FAITHGPT, and BibleGPT and even humanoid. It is certainly a complex concept. However, AI is not human, has no thoughts, emotions, feelings, love, hate, joy or sorrow. It has no sense of honesty, pain, hurt or even conscience, and is unable to sympathise or empathise. Fundamentally, it does not possess a soul and spirit. For example, can AI really feel the emotional pain and provide real comfort to one in physical or emotional pain? My answer was “no”, till I chanced upon a recent article published on 11 June 2026, in The Straits Times. It reported of AI dolls brought comfort to lonely seniors in South Korea through interaction opportunities that resulted in significant reduction of depression. However, it is ultimately just a cleverly created man-made tool, and cannot replace the comfort and warmth of the human touch.

One must actively preserve and practise human wisdom. Citing another example by Assoc Prof Tham, who tasked students to write a book review albeit with modified teaching pedagogy to avoid the use of AI where possible, by requiring students to review the book in class, which allowed them to read, think, digest and write on the spot.

As with all technological advances, AI comes with both advantages and disadvantages. The latter results in scams and misinformation. However, if utilised ethically and responsibly, it can improve efficiency and be a real help. In the medical field, it can lead to effective diagnosis, and reduce turnaround time in the use of treatments and drugs.

Ultimately, our role as believers is to pray for wisdom and discernment when harnessing AI, ensuring its use for the benefit of mankind and the expansion of God’s Kingdom. It is also our responsibility to intentionally preserve our Christ-like human character and be cautioned against over-reliance on AI.



Spreading Love Across Generations: Mothers' Day Block Blessing

BY JOSHUA HENG

In a beautiful collaboration with our Floral and Outreach Ministries, a group of young adults in PLMC recently prepared and distributed flower bouquets for mothers residing at Blk 223A Serangoon Ave 4.

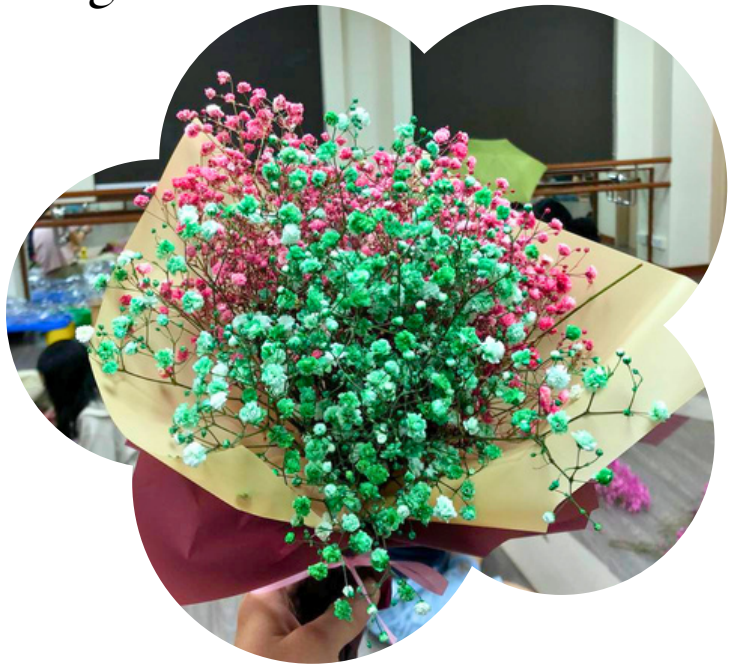
While it was positioned as a separate initiative from our usual block blessing activity, the event was intentionally scheduled on the same day (16 May) to leverage the residents' familiarity with our regular monthly presence, ensuring a warm reception and a higher likelihood of finding families at home.

The initiative successfully reached a targeted 65 residential homes, bringing tangible joy and encouragement directly to their doorsteps.

This project also served as a wonderful opportunity to build intergenerational relationships within our church family. Approximately 22 young adults signed up to serve, working hand-in-hand with the experienced hands of the co-workers in the Floral Ministry.

The team gathered first at our church to meticulously craft the bouquets before heading out to the block. There, they joined forces with the Outreach Ministry, who expertly coordinated the household visits and facilitated the blessings.

We give thanks to God for a deeply meaningful and memorable experience for everyone involved. Our prayer remains that through this simple gesture, the mothers who received these flowers experienced not just a beautiful gift, but the deep love, encouragement, and affirmation of the Lord in their journey of motherhood.



Filipino Service Annual Outing @ GBTB

BY SAMUEL-ROY SUPRAMANIAM



On 3 May, an 80-member group consisting of current members and newcomers from our Filipino Service enjoyed a day out to Gardens by the Bay.

Our annual outing started from PLMC, where we enjoyed a Jollibee lunch before heading over to the Flower Dome.

Members enjoyed the colourful Tulipmania exhibition, taking tonnes of photos amidst warm fellowship.

If you want to be a part of our vibrant and close-knit community, come visit the Filipino service every Sunday (except the first Sunday of the month) at 2pm, in the Chapel. See you there!

