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Deeper & Wider @ PLMC Ohana Camp 深扎根，广搭营—PLMC家庭营

BY KEN CHUNG, VICE CHAIRMAN, OHANA CAMP COMMITTEE

As Church Camp 2026 in Kuala Lumpur came to a close, our hearts were filled with joy, gratitude, and awe at God's faithfulness. Seeing 930 campers from our English, Chinese, Youth, and Filipino Services gathering as one church family was a beautiful picture of unity in Christ and a powerful reminder of God's love for His people.

Even before the camp began, God was already preparing our hearts. Hearing the testimonies of Pastor Peter Tan-Chi and his family stirred a deeper hunger within us to seek God and trust Him more fully. Their journey of faith and obedience inspired many of us to come with great expectation, believing that God would meet us personally. Throughout the camp, He did just that. Through worship, prayer, the teaching of His Word, and fellowship with one another, many experienced a fresh encounter with God. Lives were touched, faith was strengthened, and hearts were renewed.

This camp was made even more meaningful through the dedication of our Church Camp Committee, who spent months prayerfully planning and coordinating every detail. Their heart was to create an experience that would be enriching and memorable for every generation. From the morning prayer sessions, workshops, speaker sessions, gala dinner, and free-and-easy activities, to the thoughtful catering of meals for different age groups, every aspect reflected care, excellence, and servant-hearted love.

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The Gala Dinner was the highlight of this year's Church Camp. With the theme "Intergeneration", everyone was invited to step into another generation's shoes through their attire. Some dressed as grandparents, while others recreated the fashion of an earlier era that brought back fond memories. The committee also mixed different generations at each table, encouraging fellowship and conversations across age groups. It was wonderful to see young and old sharing stories, laughter, and experiences throughout the evening.

The night's most anticipated activity was the Best Dressed Competition, where participants proudly displayed their creative outfits. The variety of costumes and the effort put into them made the competition both fun and highly entertaining.





One of the greatest joys was witnessing people worship wholeheartedly, build new friendships, strengthen existing relationships, and enjoy genuine fellowship across different services. Through these moments, our relationship with God grew deeper, and our bonds with one another grew stronger.





Above all, Church Camp 2026 was more than just an event. It was a life-changing encounter with God and a testament to His faithfulness. We thank all our church leaders, volunteers, and camp committee members whose prayers, sacrifices and hard work made this camp possible.



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 14-17 JUNE 2026 6月14日至17日

At a Glance

923
campers

358km
distance

10
buses

399
hotel rooms

13
workshops

1 year old
youngest camper

94 years old
oldest camper

A Lunch with a Difference

BY CLARICE LIM

PLMC has been partnering ElShaddai to support its ministry among the international refugees in Malaysia. Among its many good works is Life2Life Table, where refugee families can earn some income by hosting groups for a home-cooked meal. About 50 Ohana Camp participants had a taste of it. Here, 11-year-old Clarice Lim (in blue T-shirt below) shares her experience.



At first, I felt anxious to visit a family from Afghanistan because I didn't know what to expect. I had really low expectations about the food because I had never eaten Afghan food before and I was a picky eater. To make things worse, the leader in charge of our group, Uncle Weng Moon, said that if we did not like the food, we should still put on a smile and continue to eat.

While I was in the Grab car, my classmate, Iva Chen, kept badgering her dad about what to do if the food was not to her liking. What would happen if she said something unintentionally rude? All these questions were bombarding inside my head too.

After what seemed like eternity, we arrived. When we stepped into the home, our eyes brightened! The food on the ground looked amazing! It is Afghan culture to be seated on the floor to eat together. Our host Mdm Akilah warmly invited us in. To my relief, Mdm Akilah could speak good English. After tasting the food, I can say it was the best lunch I had at Camp!

During our communal lunch, Mdm Akilah told us that she had to escape from the civil war among the different tribes in Afghanistan and came to Malaysia to seek refuge. After listening to her story, a pang of mixed emotions took over me. A part of me felt sympathy toward her family while another part felt I was so fortunate to have peace in Singapore, which was priceless.

After chatting for about 30 minutes, we sang a song, "He Will Keep You" from Psalm 121, to bless Mdm Akilah's family. Midway, tears started to well up in her eyes as she stood and basked in our singing. An indescribable feeling hung in the air. Could this be the presence of the Holy Spirit that my dad spoke about?

On the way back, I reflected upon the experience. I felt very lucky yet very sad. Sad because Mdm Akilah's family had to go through this tumultuous life. I realised that Singapore is very safe and we are very blessed by God. I hope that we can continue to bring God's blessing to more people in the nations in future.



Holy Dying

BY DARREN TEO

On 27 June, the Discipleship & Nurture Ministry organised a talk titled “Holy Dying – Ending Well from a Christian Perspective”, which drew roughly 300 participants comprising mostly middle-aged adults, with a handful of youths. Hosted by Bradley Garrett and featuring Bishop Emeritus Dr Wee Boon Hup, the gathering created a safe, gracious space for honest reflection on a topic that is often treated as taboo.

From the outset, an atmosphere of quiet curiosity filled the room. Much like a typical Singaporean classroom, participants listened attentively and respectfully, absorbing the speaker's insights in thoughtful silence. Even during the initial Q&A segment, the room remained largely still as many were processing the spiritual and emotional weight of what had been shared.



One of the most poignant moments came when the audience was asked if anyone feared death. Although only one hand was raised, there was a palpable, shared consensus that death is often perceived as fearful, painful, inevitable, and ultimately a consequence of sin. The subsequent encouragement to prepare well for life's final journey—to keep our spiritual house in order and live without regrets—resonated deeply with many.

Equally impactful was the candid discussion on healing. Participants were reminded that while some experience complete divine healing, others receive partial restoration, and some may not witness physical healing in the way they hope this side of eternity. These reflections grounded the audience in the truth that God remains sovereign even when answers are unclear, offering both comfort and enduring hope amid life's uncertainties.

As the seminar concluded, participants left with far more than practical information—there was a renewed perspective on life, death and eternity. By addressing difficult questions with honesty, compassion, and biblical faith, the event encouraged many to live intentionally, prepare wisely, and place their ultimate hope in God's sovereignty, trusting that even in life's final chapter, He remains present and faithful.



I've learnt that learning to live well and die well is equally important for the young. Today's workshop provided me with the perspective that living well starts with changing our perspective towards death.

– Hannah Christina Soh



I registered because I was curious about what happens after death. Today, I learnt that death will not have a hold on us because God saved us and Christ lives in us.

– Leann Harms

Football Family Day

BY JOSHUA HENG

On Saturday, 20 June, the Family Life Ministry organised PLMC's Football Family Day and World Cup Watch Party, where families gathered to enjoy the Brazil vs. Haiti group match, football-themed carnival games, and delicious food together.

We thank God for the 30 participants, both young and old, who joined us for a morning of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition. Despite the early Saturday start, it was encouraging to see families spending quality time together, interacting across generations, and cheering on their favourite teams and players.

Beyond the football and games, we are thankful for the opportunity to strengthen relationships and create meaningful memories within our church family. We hope that events like these will continue to remind us that **“a family that plays together, stays together”**, that shared moments of joy and connection such as this are a vital part of building strong families and a vibrant church community.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the event possible!



Photos contributed by the Family Life Ministry

Humble Beginnings, Lasting Legacy

BY JOSIAH ANG



For our very first YA x GYM (Young Adults & Glowing Years Ministry) collaboration, we gathered across generations to learn about the Wesleyan Methodist movement—a promise for evangelism rooted in purpose and driven by people.



We witnessed the legacy of countless Christians before us and learnt about the rich history and spiritual significance of many sites around our city. For instance, we learnt that Fort Canning was once an old Christian cemetery, and that the Methodist Publishing House (MPH) was where the first Bibles in Singapore were translated into Malay. Seeing the faith of these early believers inspired us deeply; they truly devoted themselves to serving God and others. Beyond the history of our church lies an important reflection question for all Christians, both young and old: What lasting impact will we leave for God today?

May we remain rooted in God's purpose, passionate about evangelising our nation and the world, and dedicated to impacting lives for His kingdom.