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TO ENGAGE,
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TO EMPOWER.

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Connecting children, young people and families with God through His Word.

CORE VALUES

Christ-centred
We focus on Christ as our role model in every situation.

Humility
We serve as servant-leaders.

Relevant
We focus on Christ as our role model in every situation.

Integrity
We are ethical in all our dealings.

Scripture-based
We base our teachings on the Old and New Testament of the Bible.

Trustworthy
We aim to be a trusted partner.

Working with churches, Scripture Union seeks to engage children and young people to experience God daily through His Word and to empower them to serve. To accomplish this, we are committed to:

01: SUPPORT
SU supports churches and mission schools with personnel and programmes such as children and youth camps, evangelistic events and other appropriate customised programmes.

02: RESOURCE
SU provides devotional and discipleship materials for all ages to churches and mission schools.

03: EQUIP
SU equips children and youth workers with certification programmes and customised courses.

04: PARTNER
SU partners with like-minded churches, organisations and individuals to reach children and youth.

05: COMPANION
To companion SU movements around the Region.

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Message from *THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR*

We are reminded of the word...

" Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle."
Psalms 24:8

As we approach the second half of this year, we continue to see the scourge of the pandemic affecting all quarters of our lives.

As governments, policy makers, health workers and officials grapple with challenges they face and whatever means to tackle issues, we continue to pray for God's guidance and wisdom to tread each new day.

Here at Scripture Union Singapore, the lessons have been, to trust God, to re-align, to explore, to stretch the boundaries and to reach out further in sharing the Word of God.

Through virtual conferencing means, all SU@CF group meetings have been held online. Some of the upcoming highlights lined-up this year includes "Certificate of Christian Disability Ministry Module 2", our "Z-SUPA Camp – Take Flight" and "SU Year End Bible Webinar – Growing Deeper in God".

Currently, the Children's Ministry Bible teaching lessons which is a work-in-progress, will serve the needs locally as well as regionally.

We are reminded of the word of the psalmist in ***Psalms 24:8 " Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle."*** Indeed He is our Almighty God.

We thank you for your continued partnership through financial support and prayers.

"In deo speramus", in God we trust!

Lim Yu Ming
National Director
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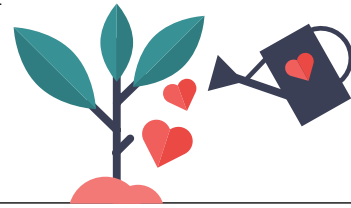
Give and it will be given you...for the measure you use will be the measure you receive..... **Pg 11**



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© Message from *THE CHAIRMAN*

And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ...

2 Colossians 4:3

You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending.

C.S. Lewis

GOD IS IN THE MIDST

It has been a difficult time for Singaporeans with news reporting that income for many has dropped. Despite this, SU's donors have generously continued to support the work of SU. We would like to thank you all very much, for your prayers, support in every way and for the trust you have given us. The Lord bless you and may our great Jehovah Jireh, continue to be the provider for all who trust in His name.

As most would expect, COVID-19 has a significant impact on missional activities. Border crossings are effectively sealed off and travel is difficult if not impossible. Quarantine procedures are insurmountable.

Even for church worship, congregation can only meet in small groups and without singing, hence, many churches are continuing to meet virtually. Some of the smaller churches are grappling to handle the technological requirements as well as manage the children's ministry.

We are reminded of Joseph, when events that are evil come against us, God is able to use the situation for good because He is God and He is still in control.

As we have sought the Lord, it seems that it would be good for SU to host a children's church service on Sundays, to reach children who may not have the ability to attend Sunday School for one reason or another. Perhaps they are from a church without an online children's church programme or they are from different faith.

At SU, we thank God for technology that has allowed us to stay connected , enabling us to cross unlimited borders online. We will leverage and use real-life sessions to equip our partner countries, especially in closed or restricted access nations, how to run Sunday School. In the process, we will also reach out to children from pre-believing backgrounds in Singapore who desire to know more about Jesus, and then pass these contacts to nearby partnering churches who have a heart to follow up as SU is not a church. We invite you and your church to be part of this initiative as we embark on this online missional program!

In all of this, we ask for your most important support – that you pray fervently for this work. We earnestly echo the Apostle Paul's request "And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ"

There are many to whom the COVID-19 is an apocalyptic pestilence and is another sign together with the floods in China, the giant swarms of locusts that are decimating entire regions in Africa, the wildfires in Australia and California, endemic corruption, heatwaves and earthquakes among others that we approach the last days. Jesus tells us in Mark 13, that we are not to be afraid, because these are just the birth pangs of what is to come.

And indeed, while we may have different views of the end times, the Bible instructs us to be prepared – we are merely travelers passing through this world, to a time when the kingdom of this world will become the Kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ and He will reign forever and ever.

Arnold

Arnold Khoo, Chairman
Scripture Union Singapore

Z-SUPA CAMP 2020

7TH – 11TH DECEMBER 2020

NEW!

SUPA Camp is going "zoom" this year...come join us as we zoom to take off...

Campers, arm yourself with 3 preparatory flight sessions, 3 flight missions and 3 missions review for Flight TF4031. We will embark on lessons on how we can Focus on God when we learn about Focus; how we can have Peace from God when we persevere in our Faith; and how we can continue to Hope in God when we look towards the Future with Him.

It is a 5-day programme. There will be two sessions per day, one the morning and the other in the afternoon except for the fourth and fifth day, which will be **conducted in the morning. Duration of each session will last approximately two hours.**

SESSIONS

DAY 1 TO 3 (*7th to 9th Dec*)

10:00am to 12:00noon
- Morning Devotions, Singspiration, and Lessons

2:30pm to 4:30pm
- Campers presenting their 'Mission' challenge

DAY 4 (*10th Dec*)

10:00am to 12:00noon
- Campers group discussion

DAY 5 (*11th Dec*)

10:00am to 12:00noon
- Finale Theme Challenge Presentation & Camp Closing

REGISTRATION

Closing date: 6th Nov 2020

Fee: $25/participant

Fee includes Camper's Pack containing:
- One camp T-shirt
- Camp booklet
- Resources for lessons & camp-challenges

Drawstring bag is for illustration purposes only

INFORMATION

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Registration Link

https://cutt.ly/Z-SUPA-Campers

Certificate in Practical Children's Ministry 2021

10th Intake

Ideal for Sunday School Teachers, Children's Ministry workers, and those who need a refresher.

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic and how it has affected our 'normal' life-style which is no longer 'normal'…but God's Word is still the same. The work of ministry for building up the body of Christ still need to go on and hence, in year 2021 CPCM will go…. online 'zoom' way and learning from the comfort of your own home! A full certification requires the completion of 15 topics, duration of 1-1/2hours each online session:

"He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelist, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

Online Weekly Session Schedule:

Module One – Children Spiritual Development

16 Feb: Biblical Basis of Children Ministry
23 Feb: Age-Appropriate Learning & What Makes Children Learn
2 Mar: Creative Worship
9 Mar: Discipleship Making

Module Two – Teacher Development & Skills

16 Mar: Growing as a Teacher
23 Mar: Basic Pastoral Care
30 Mar: Teaching to Change Lives
6 Apr: Creative Classroom Management & Discipline
13 Apr: Basic Teaching Engagement

Module Three – Teaching Techniques

20 Apr: Creative Lesson Planning & Basic Practical Teaching Skills
27 Apr: Creative Ways of Scripture Memorization
4 May: Creative Story-telling Techniques
11 May: Using Objects to Teaching Bible Truths
18 May: Games that Teach
25 May: Reaching the Next Generation

INFORMATION

Registration is open!
Early bird ends on 15th Dec 2020

Closing date
15th January 2021

Fee
Per topic: $35/participant
Full fee: $525/participant
Early bird registration: $500/participant, before closing date

Time
7.30pm to 9.00pm

Registration
https://cutt.ly/CPCM-2021

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CRITERIA

Following criteria must be fulfilled by every participant who is pursuing the certificate:

- Minimum 80% 'online' attendance
- Written reflection assignments, only upon request by the trainer
- 2-video recordings of your teaching involvement (on 'Teacher Dev & Skills' & Teaching Techniques')
- Compulsory online attendance, Orientation on 16th February 2021, at 7.00pm
- Confirmation of registration is subject to full payment, and also for modular or topical registration, follow by email acknowledgement from SU-Sg
- Scripture Union Singapore reserves the right the change of dates when necessary.

CERTIFICATE OF CHRISTIAN DISABILITY MINISTRY

Sowing the Seeds of Faith: Including People with Special Needs in Sunday School

A key pillar of Christian discipleship is Sunday School, whether it is for children or adults. This course will help the participants understand in a practical, biblical, and interdisciplinary manner how to include people with special needs in the Sunday School / Christian Education setting.

Module 2
The CCDM aims to train a generation of disability leaders for churches in Singapore and the region. The programme is divided into 3 modules (2 days of training each).

Module 2 focuses on Sowing the Seeds of Faith and teaches Christian education teachers how to create an inclusive learning environment and curriculum for children with special needs.

Participants who complete all three modules will receive the Certificate in Christian Disability Ministry (no coursework requirements; attendance only).

Topics to be Covered

A theology of Sunday School
Identifying children with special needs
Teaching and learning for children with special needs;
Behavioural management & managing meltdowns;
Dialogue with special needs Sunday School superintendents
Syllabus planning
Partnering with stakeholders

Date: 31st October and 7th November 2020
Time: 9:00am to 5:30pm
Venue: Zoom Virtual Class
Course Fee: $175 (general public), $225 (for credit with BGST)
Inclusive of course notes

Information
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Registration: https://forms.gle/t2grz8StPw9gW3Fy6
Due to the class being conducted over Zoom, frequent breaks will be incorporated into the programme as well as a longer lunch break. The organiser reserves the right to change the details of the course without notice where deemed necessary.

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Trainers' Profiles

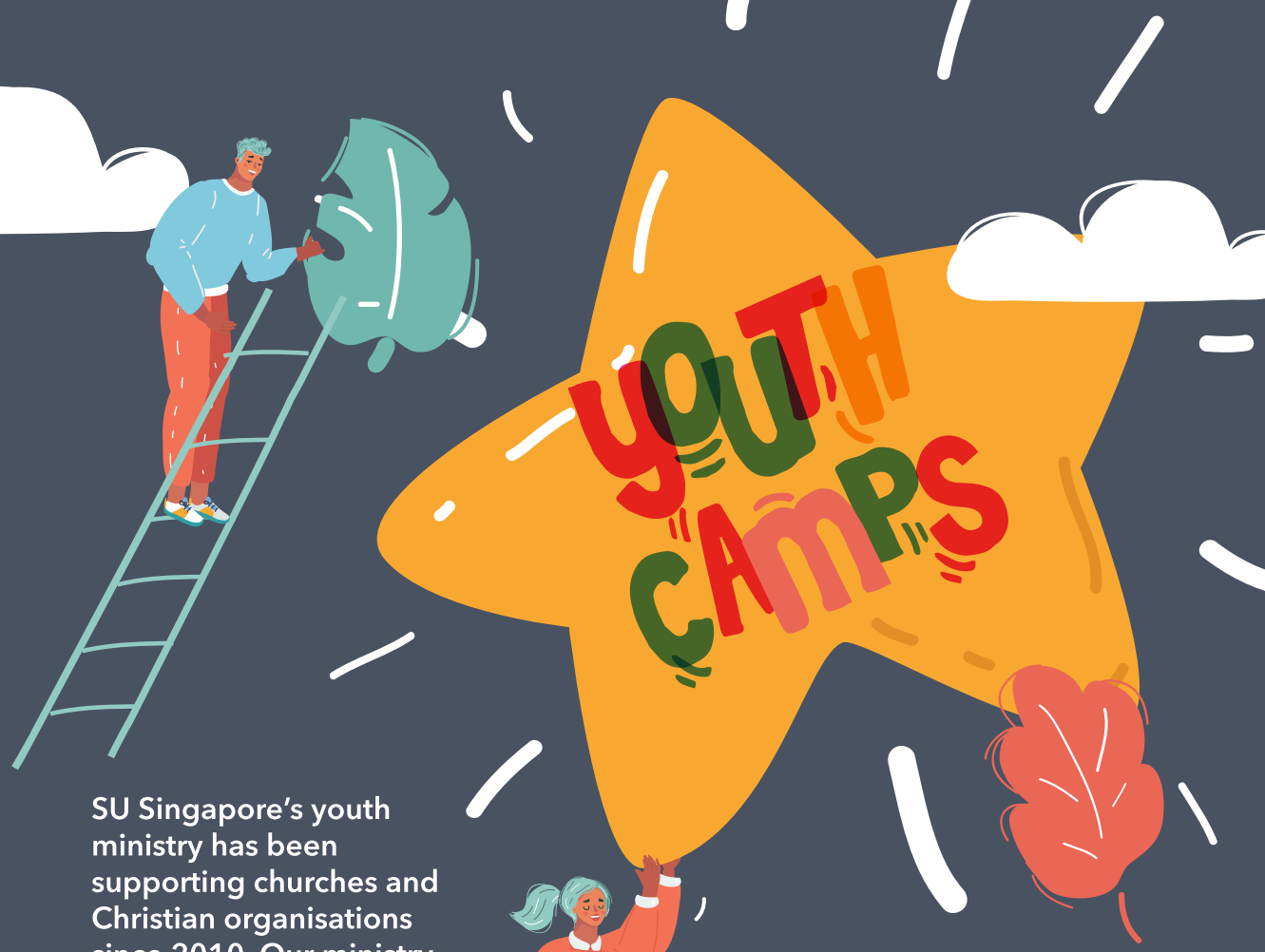
Dr Eunice Tan
Dr Eunice Tan is Head of the Special Education programme at the Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS). Previously, she was a principal of a special school, and also worked in the social service sector, focusing on children and adults with special needs

Norman Kee
Mr Norman Kee is a lecturer with the Psychology and Child & Human Development group at the National Institute of Education, with more than a decade of experience training teachers in special education. He has children with autism.

Rev David Teo
David Teo is the Chaplain of St Andrew's Autism Centre and the Pastor of Chapel of Christ our Hope, a church that brings people of every ability to love, grow & serve in Christ.

Teo Sue-Lynn
Sue-Lynn is a practicing psychologist whose training is in educational and developmental psychology. She currently works with young children and their families in a child development unit. Previously, she was an educational therapist supporting children with learning differences.

Janice Chng
Janice Chng is a pediatric occupational therapist with a decade of experience in both the acute and community settings. She is passionate about missions and is currently pursuing a postgraduate degree in a seminary.



SU Singapore's youth ministry has been supporting churches and Christian organisations since 2010. Our ministry staff and volunteers are passionate individuals with years of experience in running youth camps.

We are able to:

- Be engaged as speaker at Youth Camp
- Facilitate and conduct Camp programmes
- Organise customised youth workshops
- Customise training for your leaders

Testimonies:

"I am reminded a lot of my foundation in my relationship with Christ. In addition, I'm pointed out more things that I lack and now I do know what to work on in order to further improve my relationship with God."

"It has given me tools to reconnect with God again, tools of hearing His voice.
The programme planned have caused me to ponder on the deeper meaning of God's plan for my life."

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Scripture Union Year End Bible Webinar 2020

Growing Deeper in God

"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him"
Ephesians 1:17

Jose Philip
Evangelist & Apologist,
Ravi Zacharias International Ministries
(Keynote Speaker)

Michael Yong
Ministry Coordinator,
Teaching Ministry,
Singapore Youth for Christ

Joseph Chean
National Director
Youth With A Mission YWAM

Scripture Union Singapore is on Telegram!

Wondering what are the profiles of our speakers this coming December? Find out here!

Session 1:
4 Dec 2020 (Friday)
7:45pm – 10:00pm

Session 2:
5 Dec 2020 (Saturday)
10:00am – 1:00pm

More details will be shared on our Facebook page and Telegram, so stayed tuned!
For any enquiries please contact Suzanne Lee (suzannelee@su.org.sg)

Register Now!

IN CONVERSATION WITH *Stephen Chan*

Stephen is extremely happy to be married to Cecilia for 26 years. Describing himself as a social introvert who is creative, adaptable with good sense of humour, which was evident in his replies "I also have a soft spot for nature, except when nature bites my soft spots." Reading a "cheem" (profound) book paired with a cup of black coffee without sugar, would definitely spark joy!

Growing up in a Catholic family with one brother and parents who are musicians by profession, Stephen gives thanks that this "music talent" was passed on to his only son, Calvin, who was conceived 22 years ago. Calvin has been blessed with the gift of music and it is a pleasure as parents to see their child exercise that gift to praise and please God.

There was a period where Stephen and Cecilia experienced the "dark night of the soul" which involved a lot of tears, prayers and medical visits - upon discovery they could not have any children. However, with the support from the cell group and a prophetic word from a Pastor, a miracle child was born! This was the turning point in his spiritual awakening and it brought a fresh perspective of who God is.

Serving in the Children Ministry, Stephen knew that God has given him a passion to nurture young lives. In 2016, Stephen enrolled in Tung Ling Bible School and was given a prophetic word for his ministry to teach. Since then, God has opened doors to teach His Word to children, youths, and adults. In the recent few years, God has placed a burden on his heart to help parents bring up a new generation of disciples of Jesus!

Q What is your personal parenting philosophy?

A I believe that parenting – like every other major endeavour – must be purposeful. Having a clear purpose and objective to parenting will help us to make many difficult decisions, such as budgeting, prioritizing our time, the values we adopt and so on. Only then can we harness our individual parenting styles in a meaningful way. In the Christian context, our parenting purpose is to disciple our children for Jesus.

Q Please share the essential components to raising Godly children?

A It's all about being credible witnesses for Christ to our children. We achieve this through the ***3Cs - Consistency, Coherence and Commitment***.

Consistency - We must be consistent in the values we teach our children. Changing priorities and shifting values result in children that have no priorities and no values. Additionally, both parents must be consistent as well. It is very exasperating when a child receives two sets of values or rules from both parents.

Coherence - what we teach our children verbally must cohere with our behaviours and actions. We lose credibility when we contradict ourselves, and model the wrong behaviour for our children to follow.

Remember: children do what we do, not what we say.

Commitment – our commitment to Christ is revealed by how we approach trouble, challenges and difficulties. When we pray, trust, and depend on Jesus, we demonstrate to our children that God be trusted.

GET TO KNOW

Stephen has been serving in the Children Ministry in his church for more than 15 years, including 3 years as Chairperson. He currently also chairs the Family Ministry in his church and serves as a Committee member in the TRAC Board of Children Ministry. Stephen is passionate about training and equipping parents to disciple their children and believes that a strong, Christ-centered marriage is key to a healthy family life.

Stephen is married to Cecilia and they have a 21-year old son Calvin who serves in the Youth Ministry.

Q What can parents do when the child express he/she has decided not to trust God?

A It's a tough situation and there is no magic bullet. But what we must do is to get down on our knees and pray. Talk to them to find out why they no longer trust God and begin from there. But turning them back to God will take more than an intellectual debate because it is usually a result of God not meeting their expectation or answering their prayer. Therefore never give up on them. Keep praying for them to have a God-encounter and keep loving them.

Q How can parents learn to connect and build strong relationships with their children?

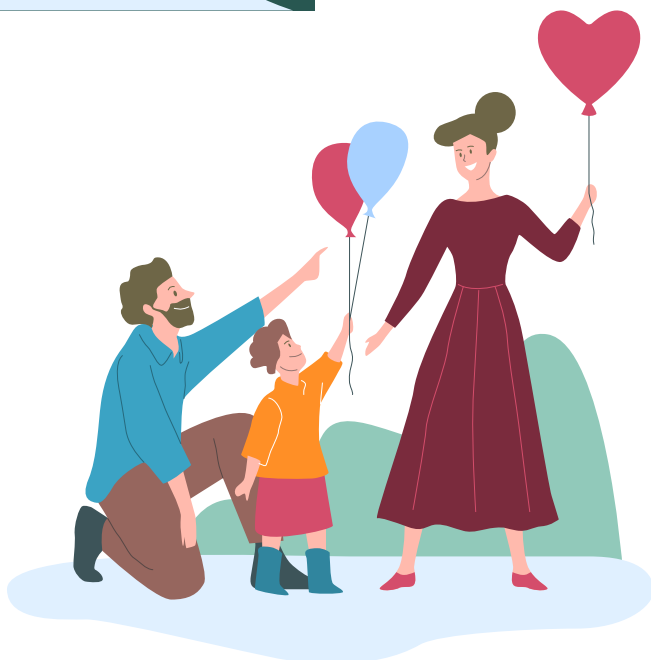
A Experts tell us that the key to strong bonds with our children is by playing with them. We have to continue "playing" with them otherwise our relationship with them will just revolve around school work and results. My wife and I make it a point to intentionally be interested in our son's interests. It's all about being relevant and involved. When we understand our children's world, and they know we understand, then they are more willing to open up to us and listen to our counsel.

Q Any e-books or good resource to recommend to parents?

A I highly recommend D6 conferences (www.d6family.sg) and The Awesome Book of Bible Answers for Kids by Josh McDowell. It is so important for parents to be the ones children go to with questions about God. If we are not prepared to answer our children's questions about God, those questions will turn into doubt later on.

Q How do parents handle conflicts and allow more harmony in the family?

A That's a whole chapter in marriage handbooks! When my wife and I have disagreements, we never let it become personal. We focus on the issue and try to remain objective. When things get emotional and or heated, it's best to calm down first. That old proverb about never going to bed angry is very helpful and very true. But learning to say sorry – even to our children – is vital.



For more on Biblical Parenting by Stephen during, check out our Bible Conference videos on our Scripture Union Singapore Youtube channel.

BE A BLESSING

Pray with us through these Prayer Cards for the month of October.

THUR, 1 OCT

Praise & thank God for a new month, **"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in Me."** *John 14:1 (ESV)*

FRI, 2 OCT

CHILDREN'S DAY
Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6 (ESV)

SAT, 3 OCT

Pray against the Covid-19 situation to dissipate so that we can adjust and adapt to the 'new-normal' to carry out our programmes!

SUN, 4 OCT

Uphold the Youth and Children's team, as they plan for new programmes for 2021 together with SU Council Members.

MON, 5 OCT

Pray for God's direction, anointing, peace and joy upon SU staff as they meet every Monday for devotion and meeting.

TUE, 6 OCT

Z-SUPA CAMP 2020
Pray for God's favour as the Children's Ministry team recruit volunteers to contribute their God-given talents at Z-SUPA Camp 2020 programme.

WED, 7 OCT

We give thanks for Certificate of Christian Disability Ministry (CCDM) Module 1 and pray for God to bless the Module 2.

THUR, 8 OCT

Pray for God's favour and blessings as registration is open for **Z-SUPA Camp 2020** which will be held in December 2020.

FRI, 9 OCT

Pray along with us for the health and peace of our volunteers and supporters of SU. May the joy of the Lord be with them!

SAT, 10 OCT

Pray that our Ministry staff have the wisdom and favour of God to minister and fellowship virtually. God's love is unlimited!

SUN, 11 OCT

May God grant SU staff & friends of SU the peace and strength to rest upon Him this Sabbath day. Praise Him, glorify Him & worship Him.

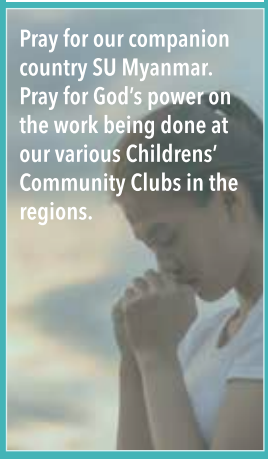
MON, 12 OCT

Pray for the team from KIN (CCDM partner) and SU as they finalize the preparation for CCDM Module 2, virtual training on 31st October & 7th November 2020.

TUE, 13 OCT

Uphold the Children's Ministry team (Ps Flora, Monica, MJ) for wisdom from God for new and effective ways of conducting virtual training.

WED, 14 OCT



THUR, 15 OCT

Uphold the Children's Ministry team for God's anointing and wisdom as they finalize the lessons preparation for Z-SUPA Camp 2020 by this month end.

FRI, 16 OCT

Please commit the Youth Ministry team (Luke & Suzanne) as they continue to conduct Bible Study to the youths at BOLTZ SU @CF.

SAT, 17 OCT

Commit the PFS Team in God's mighty hands as they talk about the topic of "Bible" to the kids from the care club. Pray for God's love to flow into the hearts of these children.

SUN, 18 OCT

Uphold all our volunteers, staff and donors of SU as we pray for God's providence to do His work and give thanks for all He has provided.

MON, 19 OCT

Uphold the trainers to CCDM-Module 2, for God's hand of protection upon them to keep them in good health, to conduct the training on 31st Oct and 7th Nov.

TUE, 20 OCT

Pray for one of our companion countries, a restricted country in SE Asia; that the work of SU continues as we are looking for people to lead.

WED, 21 OCT

Uphold SU Cambodia in prayer. Pray for Chairman, Long Sitha as he leads the Council, Staff and Ministry Teams to touch young lives.

THURS, 22 OCT

Commit the SU BIble Webinar planning committee as they continue to plan for the conference that is happening in December 2020.

FRI, 23 OCT

Pray for God's Spirit to move mightily among the youths at BOLTZ as they continue to explore God's Word in the Gospel of Mark.

SAT, 24 OCT

Pray for SU HCMC, Vietnam, for Elizabeth & Chairman, Esther as they continue to teach the Scriptures to children & youths.

SUN, 25 OCT

We pray for the SU Global team led by Monika Kuschmierz as they oversee the work in the global SU community. God grant them vision to lead.

MON, 26 OCT

Commit the PFS Team as they finalize the programme for this Saturday's programme. Pray for wisdom and His guiding hands as they plan.

TUE, 27 OCT

Pray for SU Youth Ministry as we align with God's will to impact and engage the youth through innovative activities such as Minecraft.

WED, 28 OCT

Pray for SU Thailand as they continue their training ministry work amid this pandemic. May God give them wisdom and protection.

THUR, 29 OCT

Pray for our Chairman & Council Members as they meet tonight for the monthly meeting. Pray for prudence, discernment and power of the Holy Spirit.

FRI, 30 OCT

Please commit the Youth ministry team as they continue to conduct Bible Study to the youths at BOLTZ.

SAT, 31 OCT

Pray for the participants of CCDM-Module 2 attending today's virtual training and the following week.

Your support will go a long way to fuel our Ministry. Here are some ways:

I would like to volunteer for:

- ◯ Children's Ministry
- ◯ Youth Ministry
- ◯ Other Projects

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REPORT

Knowing God Profoundly

The Bible Conference organized by Scripture Union Singapore on 23rd May 2020 was ground-breaking-history-making. We remain thankful and greatly encouraged by the overwhelming response to see people Zooming from different time zones and around the globe, just to hear His Word.

JOSE PHILIP

Keynote speaker Jose Philip from Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM) brought a wealth of wisdom with words of challenge, hope and truth:

1. The glorious truth of the Gospel – Jesus invites us to come to Him and see if He is indeed who he claims to be.
2. The often-ignored truth of the Gospel – Jesus invites us to talk to Him, because "When we don't seek to know Jesus more today than we did yesterday, He will be less relevant to us tomorrow than He is today."
3. The most liberating truth of the Gospel – God is with us, He will never leave nor forsake us.

MICHAEL YONG

Michael Yong representing Singapore Youth for Christ dived deep into Matthew's genealogy, citing biblical characters such as Abraham, David and Mary who played pivotal roles in the fulfillment of God's promise of a Messiah & King as well as unsung heros - Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, wife of Uriah etc.

STEPHEN CHAN

Stephen Chan explored the importance and challenges of "Purposeful Parenting" anchoring on Psalm 78:5-7. More about Stephen and Parenting insights can be found on page XX.

REV. FLORA CHEW

Last but not least, Rev Flora Chew from SU Children's Minitsry shared about "Raising a Generation that loves Christ and makes him known"

We ended on a high with Q&A segment with questions continuously streaming in even after the event. Please check out our full recordings of this event on Scripture Union Singapore Youtube channel.

Our team is gearing up for the upcoming Bible Webinar themed "Growing Deeper in God". Learn how to grow deep and stay rooted in times like these.

This 2-day event is set to take stage on 4th & 5th December 2020, more details can be found on Page 7. Know someone who could benefit from this event? Help spread the word!

CERTIFICATE OF CHRISTIAN DISABILITY MINISTRY

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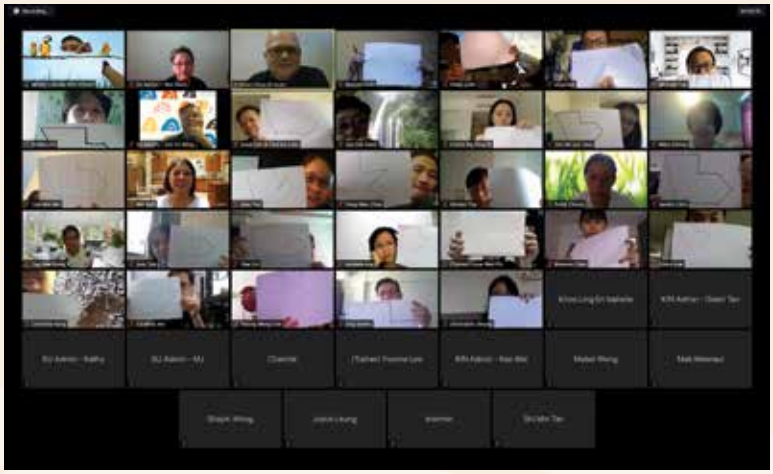

REPORT

The first module of the Certificate of Christian Disability Ministry (CCDM), organised in collaboration between Scripture Union Singapore and the Koinonia Inclusion Network (KIN), saw more than 40 participants from 25 churches zooming in for this 2-day event.

In the first teaching session on 8th August 2020, entitled "Introduction to Disability", KIN President Leow Wen Pin dished out food for thought by challenging the participants to imagine a different world where people with disabilities were the majority, and how that world would be different for the so-called "able-bodied". He then led the participants through a tour of key Scriptural passages that challenged the Church to see itself through an inclusive-gospel lens, namely, that

"We, the Citizens of God's Kingdom, have been commanded to love, care, and be inclusive, making disciples of all peoples."

After a morning of teaching, the afternoon followed with a dialogue session with three Christians who had children or parents with disabilities. In this way, the participants gained firsthand insights from the panelists on how to support a family member with disabilities. Registered social worker, Timothy Teoh, then concluded the first day's teaching with an overview of the social support networks for people with disabilities in Singapore. This enabled the participants to better understand the disability ecosystem.

The second session held on 15th August 2020 was interactive and engaging. Pediatric psychologist Eliza Leong used the analogy of an iceberg – where only 10% of the iceberg was visible with the remaining 90% being invisible underwater – to remind the participants that disability is often hidden, and that there are many things we do not know about persons with disabilities simply by looking at them. She then debunked myths about a variety of neurodevelopmental disorders, while highlighting some research-backed truths about how to help people with such disabilities.

Thereafter, Khoo Jit Kuan, a pediatric occupational therapist, brought his wealth of experience and an element of fun to the class by bringing the participants through a

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Module 1

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series of disability simulations, e.g. requesting participants to sit on the floor to simulate a person on wheelchair talking to a person standing. Through these simulations, he underscored the importance of disability etiquette and the need to respect the personal agency and space of persons with disabilities.

In the afternoon, another dialogue session was conducted, but this time with people with disabilities. The dialogue saw many heartwarming stories from the panelists. Despite their challenges, the panelists repeatedly gave thanks to God for accompanying them and for shaping their faith journey. One panelist, Peter Lim, recalled his adventures of riding pillion on a motorbike and of climbing mountains with a grateful heart:

"I would like

to thank God

I am blind.

Because I cannot see,

I do not fear,

and it allows me

to live life

to the fullest!"

Rounding up the module was psychologist Yvonne Lee who introduced the participants to issues that were specific to adulthood and disability, and provided practical insight about how the church could support adults with disabilities. To further concretise her teaching, she shared about the practical approach taken by Jesus Club Singapore, a fortnightly ministry that seeks to befriend adults with intellectual disabilities through Word-based ministry.

As the module came to an end, the participants provided encouraging and enthusiastic feedback. One church staff member observed that "[CCDM] gives ministry workers greater insights and inspiration into God's work." Other participants observed that CCDM "gives a broad and in-depth overview on disability," and that "it is by far the most comprehensive training program conducted."

Finally, one participant summed up the module well by noting that "[The course is] very helpful for people who would like to better support those with special needs in their church and to be inclusive like how Jesus would be. There is a holistic approach in understanding individuals and families with special needs, [including the] theological, health aspects (psychology and occupational therapy), and social services."

Module 2

Details on Certificate of Christian Disability Ministry (Module 2) can be found on page 5.

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GRAB JESUS' HAND

MINISTRY REPORT
Customised Children's Church Programme

2-day Children's Church, for both the Primary-aged and Preschoolers age-groups, which was held on 20th & 31st May 2020 via zoom, at the invitation of Grace (S.C.C.) Church. The programme was customised to their theme which was "Grab Jesus' Hands - Let's Go!"

"But I know who holds tomorrow, and I know who holds my hand" ***by Alison Krauss and The Cox Family***

SU Children's Ministry team was invited by Grace SCC Church to run their children's church via zoom, for both the Primary-aged and Prechoolers (separate age-group programme), during their annual mission convention month. This is the church first out-source zoom online ministry with Scripture Union Singapore, who had successfully conducted the programmes.

The first session saw 37 children, 10 teachers and 11 observers attending, the lesson brought an assurance that when life is unfair, Jesus will help us through.

Anchoring on John 10:27 "My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me." The children were taught that they can put their trust and faith in Jesus, as He will always lead them through the good and bad times.

The following day saw an increased attendance of 45 children, 20 teachers and observers gaining insights to having a willing and obedient heart to follow Jesus. Later in the afternoon, 24 children, 16 teachers and observers joined in the final session, which reinforces the point that God is not concerned about the outward appearance but our heart posture.

We give praise and thanks to God for Grace (S.C.C.) Church, for the children ministry partnership opportunity.

thank you

Dear Rev Flora, Our teachers' feedback that they've learnt much from you such as online engagements with the children and some other skills as well. They are requesting for training session to be conducted by you. I've attached some photos which should bring good memories and we will be sending a 'Thank you' card. Thank you again.

Ps Janice To
Grace SCC Church

When Bread of Life Church engaged SU to run a holiday programme in November 2019, little did they expect the birth of BOLTZ.

Magdalene, Emmanuel, Joshua Lim, Isaiah, Amos and Cyrus, aged between 13-16 years old, enjoyed the friendship forged and had a common craving - the Word of God.

The first fellowship session was at Prodigal Café, with a lesson on servant-hood where they were tasked to clean up at Prodigal Café and were rewarded by the owner with coffee and dessert, what a treat!

BIRTH OF BOLTZ

BREAD OF LIFE TEEN Z-GENERATION

Since then, the group has journeyed together and made many wonderful memories such as volunteering outreach at AWWA, Bible Study sessions, having fun via TikTok challenges and recently Zooming while maintaining social distancing.

Would you like to be part of SU@CF or start your own group?

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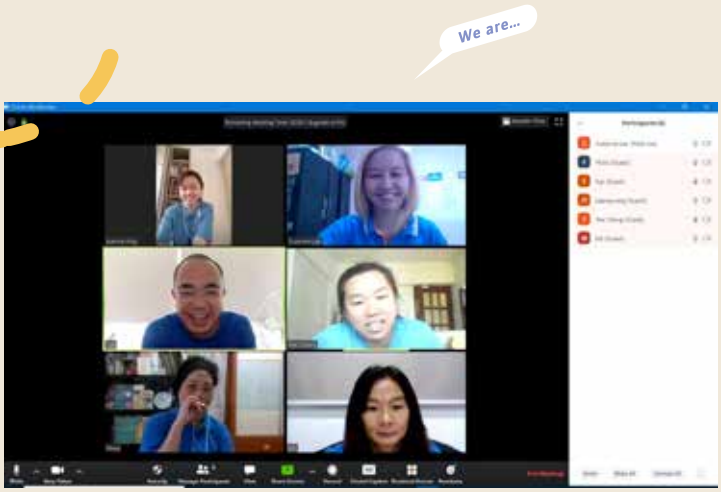
Prison Fellowship Session: From Zero to Hero



Though COVID social distancing measures prevented us from gathering, this did not stop the team from bringing God's love to the children from PFS group on 2nd May 2020. At 10 am, the team met with our virtual volunteers, Tan Yee Cheng, Joanna Ying and Fuji Yew to pray and to have a briefing. The event commenced at 11 am with a recap from the previous lesson on "Getting to know you" and building rapport through 2 Corinthians 6:18 "And I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me," says the Lord Almighty.

Programme highlights included "guess the superhero" ice breaker followed by singspiration, a sharing entitled "Zero to Hero" which explored the life of Moses and a testimony by Pastor Flora, on how she got to overcome a challenging upbringing environment and through God's grace, emerged as a strong warrior of faith.

In the breakout session, the children were encouraged to memorise and to take comfort in Proverbs 20:30 "Blows and wounds scrub away evil, and beatings purge the inmost being." As the saying goes, "No pain, No Gain." Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways, but we take comfort that God our superhero, has conquered death and is victorious!

ZERO

On Saturday, 13th June 2020 at 4:00pm (Singapore time zone) over 70 participants from the SU global family met virtually to share experiences and fresh insights on how we can turn crisis into oppurtunities.

Gamemaster, Terry Williams (Children's and Families Ministry Consultant) organised a fun trivia on SU's global history, Monika Kuschmierz (International Director) spurred us all on, to fulfil our mission around the world while SU Chairman Christian Hellwig addressed us with his words of encouragement. We prayed for one another and were led in closing with the benediction from Numbers 6:24-26, by Anette Osborne (Children's Ministry Consultant).

SU Global Day

Hosted by Glenn Coombs (Sustain Consultant), the highlight was the sharing by several representatives from across the continents such as Peninsular Malaysia, India, Ukraine, Vanuatu, HCMC Vietnam, Sudan, Portugal, Guatamala, Australia, about their ongoing intiatives and how they were coping despite with the lockdowns. Noteably, SU Australia who developed creative Bible learning tools through "Mindcraft" gaming and our SU partners from The Leadership International Lab.

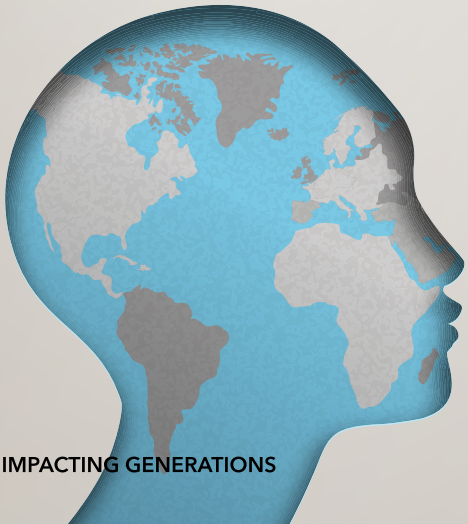
Though there are limitations due to the pandemic, our God is 100% Omnipotent - no limitations.

East to West Asia Community Support Group

Dr Lim Teck Boon SUI (Scripture Union International) Field Director Asia Pacific chaired the meeting held on Fri, 15th May 2020 via Zoom.

SU regional heads from Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Indonesia, Thailand, Korea, Philippines and Japan met to discuss SU countries under the various tiers: E1 – Country at exploratory stage, E2– Embryonic stage, E3 – Emerging Movement and E4 – Established/stable. This support group is a platform to discuss some of challenges and problems faced by E1 to E3 countries: staff/volunteers, funding, programmes, the COVID-19 situation.

The highlight was the exchange of ideas and learning from each SU country on how to tap on network, resources and technology to discover new and emerging ways. Through the discussions, the team also gained social-cultural knowledge, as they strengthened ties together towards a common goal.



Ms Joanna Ying has been volunteering with SU since 2016. The talented 26 year-old is currently running her own online business selling customised cakes and desserts (our team had the privilege to savour her desserts and have been craving for more!) She is as charming and lovely as her creations!

Her first volunteering role was as an Assistant Teacher in a church camp. At that time, SU-Sg was recruiting volunteers as Lead Teachers and Assistant Teachers for both age-group, Preschoolers and Primary-aged. After one year as a Assistant Teacher, she gained confidence and found the experience very fulfilling. Joanna progressed from an Assistant Teacher to Lead Teacher, where she was given the opportunity to help prepare lessons, props, learning aids and co-teach at church camps alongside Pastor Flora and other SU partners.

Joanna shares, there were times when she felt anxious; not knowing how to connect with the children and meeting them for the first time, especially at the start of an event. However the orientation and icebreaker games always manage to bring about communication and connection in so many ways. Watching the children worship reminds her of King David when he was dancing in God's presence – freely and spontaneously, moving in rhythm as the Spirit leads.

One of her greatest encouragements is when the children can remember what she has taught, thus attuning their ears to what God is saying. Through the process, Joanna has gained patience, classroom management skills and confidence in public speaking. Prior to volunteering, she was very shy and dared not interact with strangers, but God has blessed her with a new level of confidence and boldness!

"Not only will you touch lives but your life will be touched too..that reward is priceless".

Recently she has joined the PFS team for virtual volunteering via Zoom, read more about the event on page 17.

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Volunteers needed for **Z-SUPA Camp 2020** and **Christmas** events! For details, please contact Maryjane Yong at *maryjaneyong@su.org.sg*

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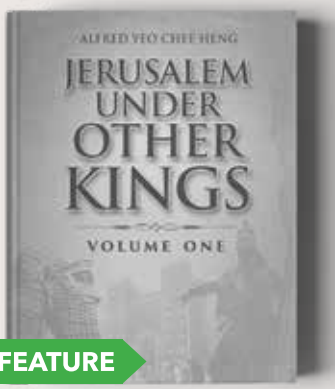
JERUSALEM UNDER OTHER KINGS



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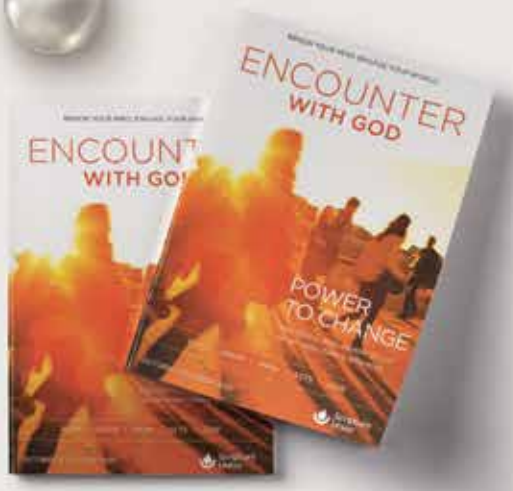

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Matthew 16:18

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Customised Sunday School or Children's Church programme via Zoom

COVID-19 has literally "paralysed" the world in our normal daily activities, however Ministry to the community does not cease because of the pandemic.
As we progress into the "new normal", let us take a quantum leap of faith and continue the work of God. As a family of God, let us stand in solidarity and support one another so that our next generation will be a beacon of light. Throughout the COVID, SU has been committed to our mission and have successfully run children's ministry programmes via Zoom for various organizations and churches. These programmes have been customized according to the requested themes and hosted by the requesting organizations.