

Pastoral Letter to the Ang Mo Kio Methodist Church Family (3 Dec 2020)

Dear Family and Friends of AMKMC (TRAC),

First, it gives me great joy to inform all of us that our former Pastor-in-Charge **Rev Stanley Chua** has been elected as our **new TRAC President**. Do pray for him that he may faithfully discharge all his duties. Do keep his family in prayer as well.

Second, we congratulate our home-boy Ps Alex Chew who has been ordained as a deacon at the 45th Session of TRAC Annual Conference on 26th Nov. He is now officially **Rev Alex Chew!** We rejoice together with him and Caroline on this significant milestone.

Third, we have some appointment **changes to our pastoral team**. Rev Chan Mei Ming is appointed to Faith MC w.e.f. 1st Jan 2021. We are so thankful for her ministry with us, albeit just over two years. Do bid her farewell at all our onsite services in December. We pray she may adjust quickly to her new appointment at Faith MC and find favour with the pastoral team and leaders there. In her place, we are receiving Rev Nga Mee Hee as our 4th pastor w.e.f. 1st Jan 2021. Rev Nga comes to us with 30 years of pastoral ministry experience, and we continue to give thanks for a female pastor ministering alongside. Please warmly welcome her to our AMK family next year.

Fourth, as many of you know, we have resumed worship services onsite for 100pax at 8am and 5pm, with the sermon preached 'live' and Holy Communion administered weekly. **We hope to have as many of you return to church worship onsite**, albeit limited to once a month for now. We hope to ramp up more capacity in the months to come but do bear with us in the meantime as we are working in tandem with Covid-19 safety measures. You may register for yourself and your family at www.amkmc.org.sg/onsite-worship. Our online worship services will continue at 9am as per usual. Do subscribe and spread the word to get people to subscribe to our Whatsapp broadcast for the latest news and updates about our church at www.amkmc.org.sg/whatsapp/. Our programs are regularly updated on our website, do check them out at www.amkmc.org.sg/upcoming-events/.

Fifth, for Christmas this year, **I strongly encourage those of us in cell groups to gather in homes to participate in the Christmas service online together, hosting guests up to current government guidelines**. I hope to reserve the 100 pax Christmas service onsite for those who do not belong to any cell group or who for one reason or another may be alone this Christmas.

The Christmas service will be 'live' at 10am for 100pax, live-streamed for the rest of us to participate online or at home. I trust we will find Christmas as meaningful as possible despite not being able to gather all 1200 of us together this year.

Finally, looking ahead to 2021 and beyond, **expect changes in cell (small group) ministry**. We are looking at renewal of zone leaders (ZLs) and cell leaders (CGLs). To facilitate this leadership renewal process, one change we hope to adopt is for CGLs to form a collective leadership team with their respective ZLs. Our hope is that as the weight of leadership is shared, many more will hear God's call to serve God as future CGLs and ZLs.

Yours sincerely in the Lord,



Rev Anthony Lee