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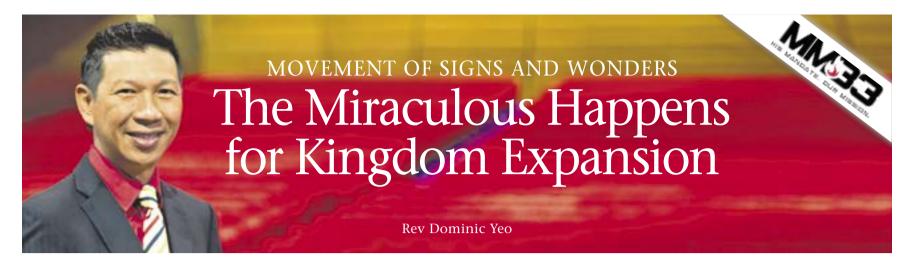
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Picture this: the crippled man you've seen for years, always seated by the roadside begging. Then, one ordinary day, two men walk past him. As they speak the name of Jesus, the man begins to stand and walk, and that walk transforms into leaps of joy. The miraculous has happened!

What is the miraculous? The miraculous is when heaven touches earth, when the impossible bows to the name of Jesus. It is the limitless ability of God, imploding within human limitation, to reveal His glory.

Every time a miracle takes place in Scripture, people are added to the Kingdom of God. The healing of the cripple man did not end with the joyful leaping man. It led 5,000 men to believe in the Good News! (Acts 4:4)

At Pentecost in Acts 2, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit enabled the 120 disciples in the upper room to suddenly burst out in tongues, speaking languages they had never learned, as imbued by the Spirit. Peter preached to the witnesses of this sight, and about 3,000 people were saved and baptized that day.

In Acts 16, when Paul and Silas were imprisoned, an earthquake shook the foundations, the doors flew open, and the chains fell off. Immediately, the jailer asks, "What must I do to be saved?" That very night, he and his household believed in Jesus and were baptized.

Miracles are not just displays of God's power. They are signs pointing to His reality, His love, and His salvation.

The global vision of the World Assemblies of God Fellowship is to grow to one million churches by 2033. When we look at the task, some of us may wonder, 'How will this ever be achieved?' But Jesus has already given us the keys of the Kingdom: "Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:19) It's time to take the keys and open doors!

We are called to step out in faith to demonstrate His power. Miracles are the visible evidence of an invisible God. Imagine the impact when YOU step out in faith to:

- Pray for a breakthrough and God answers in power.
- Release a word of knowledge revealing the God who
- Lay hands on the sick and healing comes.

Every answered prayer, every healing, and every breakthrough becomes more than just a moment. It becomes a doorway for salvation, a testimony that points people to Jesus.

I often echo what Jesus told His disciples when they wanted to send the hungry crowd away in Matthew 14:16: "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

You have been appointed to bring the miracle to the people. It's time for us, His disciples, to stop making excuses: "It's a remote place, it's already late." It's time to stop telling people to find their own solutions: "They can go... buy themselves some food "

It's time to stop looking at the little we have in our hands and look at the divine hands that we can put our five loaves and two fish in for the miraculous transformation.

It's time to be the activators of the miracle. Notice in Matthew 14:19 after Jesus gave thanks, He broke the bread and handed it to the disciples, and the disciples gave it to the people. I believe Jesus wasn't furiously breaking bread with the disciples running back and forth like a relay to distribute bread.

I believe the disciples carried the blessed, broken bread in their hands and experienced the power of God as they distributed the bread. The miracle multiplied in their hands as they carried it out. The miraculous is never meant to end with us. Like the disciples, we are to bring it to the people.

This is God's strategy for kingdom expansion. Imagine the ripple effect when every believer dares to step into the miraculous. As we march toward the vision of one million churches by 2033, let us not rely on human strength alone, but learn how to operate in the realm of the supernatural, leveraging the power of the Holy Spirit working through us.

So, step out, take the keys of the Kingdom, and believe for miracles. Because when heaven touches earth through your faith, entire families, cities, and nations will be added to the Kingdom of God.

神迹伴随神国度的扩展

想象这个画面:一个瘸腿的男子,你看见他多年来坐 在路边乞讨。然而,在平凡的一天,两个人在他面前走过,谈起了耶稣,男子就站起来行走,随之,行走 的步伐化为雀跃的蹦跳。神迹发生了!

什么是神迹?神迹就是天与地相遇的时刻,亦是不可 思议的事向耶稣屈膝。神迹是神无限的能力在人类的 有限中内爆,显明神的荣耀。

根据圣经的记载,每当神迹发生时,人就加添入神的 国度。医治瘸子的神迹并不结束于男子的雀跃蹦跳, 而是五千人相信了福音! (使徒行传4:4)

在使徒行传第二章的五旬节记录中,圣灵的倾倒使 120个门徒在楼上的房间里突然开声说方言,说出他 们从未学过的语言。彼得向见证这一切的人传讲福 音,于是当天约有三千人得救并受洗。

使徒行传第16章记载,保罗和西拉被囚时,一场地 震震动了监牢的地基,监门敞开了,囚犯的锁链也 都松开了。禁卒随即问道: "我当怎样行才可以得 当晚,他和他一家都信了耶稣并受了洗。

神迹不只是神能力的彰显, 更是迹象, 把人指向神的 真实、爱和救恩。

世界神召会团契的全球异象是于2033年增长至一百 万间教会。面对这份任务时,有些人会想: "这到底能够达成吗?"然而,耶稣已经给了我们天国的钥 "凡你在地上所捆绑的,在天上也要捆绑;凡 你在地上所释放的, 在天上也要释放。 "(马太福音 16:19) 是时候拿起钥匙打开天上的门了!

我们被呼召跨出信心的一步向世界显明神的大能。神 迹是肉眼不可见的神的可见证据。想象一下,当你踏 出信心的一步,能带来什么影响:

- 为突破祷告 神以大能回应。
- 释放知识的话语 彰显关爱的神。 为病人按手祷告 病得医治。

每个祷告得回应、每个医治以及突破都远不止于一个 瞬间。它成为了救恩的门口,以及将人指向耶稣的见

我常呼应马太福音14:16节中耶稣对门徒说的话。当 时,门徒想把饥饿的人群送走,而耶稣说: "不用他 们去,你们给他们吃吧!

你已被委任把神迹带给人。时候到了,身为耶稣的门徒,让我们不要再找借口:"这是野地,时候已经过 "是时候不再告诉他人去找自己的解决办法: 请叫众人散开...自己买吃的。

是时候不再看我们手中所拥有的那一点点,而是看 着神的手, 那双可以把我们的五饼二鱼转化为神迹的

是时候让我们成为神迹的启动者。在马太福音第 14:19中,耶稣祝谢后,擘开饼,将饼递给门徒。接着,门徒将饼递给众人。我相信整个过程不是耶稣拼 命地擘开饼,而门徒来回奔跑去派饼,就像在跑接力

我相信门徒们手中拿着祝谢后被擘开的饼,在将饼派 出去的同时经历了神的大能。当他们派饼时,神迹使 他们手中的饼倍增了。神迹的发生不应在我们这里终 止。像门徒一样,我们应该把神迹带给人们。

这就是神国度扩展的策略。试想想每个信徒勇于踏 入神迹奇事时所产生的连锁反应。当我们迈步踏向于 2033年拥有一百万间教会的异象时,让我们不单单 依靠人的能力,而是学习如何借助圣灵透过我们释放 的能力,运作在超自然层面中。

因此,相信神迹,迈出你的脚步,拿起天国的钥匙 吧! 因为当天与地透过你的信心相遇, 一个个完整的 家庭、城市和国家都会被加添入神的国度。

General Superintendent Rev Dominic Yeo begins our series by reminding us that the miraculous happens because it is essential for the expansion of God's Kingdom. This series will answer your most pressing questions on signs and wonders, guiding you on a journey to a deeper faith. We'll explore the biblical view, who performs these acts, and how to discern them. Join us as we uncover if we should be actively seeking signs and wonders and how they can be a powerful tool for evangelism. Finally, you will learn how ordinary believers partner with God to work out signs and wonders.

How to Discern Signs and wonders by Discerning signs and Wonde

Discerning signs and wonders has been a dilemma in many believers' minds. Rev Dr Alvin Lim explores how to discern whether signs and wonders are authentic works of God.

As Pentecostals, we believe that signs and wonders are still in operation today and do powerfully authenticate the preaching of the Gospel of God's Kingdom (Mark 16:20; Hebrews 2:4).

We have been warned that in the last days, false prophets and even the Antichrist will use counterfeit signs and wonders to deceive many (Matthew 7:22-23, 24:24; 2 Thessalonians 2:9; Revelations 13:13). We do see and hear many of these spectacular and yet suspicious testimonies in our Christian circles. So how do we discern these signs and wonders to be the authentic works of God? Here are seven helpful questions.

1. Does it Glorify Christ?

Is the miracle pointing people toward God, or is it self-serving or sensational? True miracles exalt Jesus, not the human instrument. The Spirit of God seeks to glorify Christ (John 16:14). If the focus is on the miracle-worker's fame, wealth, or power, rather than on Christ's lordship, caution is needed. We are told in 1 John 4:1–3 to test the spirits: Do they confess Jesus Christ as Lord in the flesh? Signs sourced in occultism, manipulation, or demonic powers may look impressive but deny Christ's lordship. When miracle workers begin to speak and command miracles to happen apart from the sovereignty of Christ, we need to recognize that they are trying to be "like God" and the "name-it-and-claim-it theology" is glorifying self, not Christ.

2. Are You Seeking After the Spectacular?

The religious leaders in Jesus' time were always seeking a sign to satisfy their desire for power and the spectacular. Jesus rebuked them as evil and adulterous (Matthew 16:1-4). God has already given us many signs to point us to His reality, and the climax of those signs is the sign of Jonah, which is Christ's death and resurrection after spending three days in the tomb. When a church or a minister seeks after signs and wonders more than God for who He is, alarm bells ought to sound. Today we hear of "grave soaking", angel feathers, gold dust, etc., as questionable practices and things we should not seek after. Let us major on the major and seek after God Himself.

3. Does it Align with Scripture?

Does the sign or wonder align with the core teachings of the Bible and Christian tradition? Is it found in the Bible? Does it fulfill biblical purpose? God will not perform a sign that contradicts His Word. Deuteronomy 13:1–3 warns that even if a sign or wonder happens, if it leads people to another god, it is false. Miracles must always point toward God's truth, not away from it. Manifestations like dog barking or violent shaking do not seem to fulfill biblical purposes. There are popular teachings like it is God's will for every Christian to be anointed to heal everyone like Jesus as one example of an over-realized eschatology. We are in an already-and-not-yet kingdom of God. This can lead to a dysfunctional theology of suffering, which does not prepare believers for times of suffering.

4. What is the Fruit?

Is there lasting positive transformation and moral fruit? Matthew 7:15–20 tells us, "By their fruits you will recognize them." Genuine works of God produce moral fruits of holiness, repentance, love, justice, integrity, and humility—not confusion, greed, or manipulation. When miracle workers

display a desire for fame, power, wealth, and control more than humility and faithful witness, it is wise to pause and evaluate their ministry.

5. Does it Accompany the Gospel?

In the New Testament, miracles confirmed the preaching of Christ (Mark 16:20; Hebrews 2:3–4; Acts 14:3). If signs exist without gospel proclamation or discipleship, they risk becoming mere spectacle instead of salvation oriented. Healing crusades that advertise healing to draw crowds but fail to emphasize the gospel, repentance, and cost of discipleship with proper follow up will produce shallow converts who fall away easily.

6. Does it Stand Up to Testing?

Spiritual Testing: In 1 Thessalonians 5:19–21, we are told, "Do not quench the Spirit... but test everything; hold fast what is good." Is it tested by a mature faith community and leadership, especially by those known to have the gift of "discernment of spirits" (1 Corinthians 12:10)? In the Old Testament, false prophets whose prophecy does not come to pass are put to death (Deuteronomy 18:20-22). Authentic miracles withstand scrutiny; false ones often demand blind acceptance. Let's say someone claims to have been healed of blindness or cancer at a revival meeting. How would scholars, theologians, and pastors assess its authenticity?

7. Is it Verifiable?

Are there multiple, independent, and early accounts? Are the witnesses known for honesty or bias? Are their accounts coherent and similar, or exaggerated and conflicting? Is there a possible gain (money, power, fame) influencing the claim? Does the account conflict with what is historically and culturally plausible? Are the details consistent over time and among those who were present? Is there a chance of manipulation, trickery, herd instinct, or placebo effect?

Is there medical or scientific verification? Were scans, X-rays, or clinical tests done before and after the healing? Do we have a doctor's testimony? Have medical professionals confirmed the healing as unexplained or extraordinary? Can the phenomenon be explained naturally by science (e.g., psychology, physics, medicine)? Many conditions (e.g., chronic pain, depression, or some cancers) can enter remission or be misdiagnosed.

Could it be a mixed reality? Some cases have strong documentation (e.g., tumors disappearing post-prayer). Others are anecdotal and unverifiable (e.g., headache or backache), which makes authentication difficult. It can also be just a temporary relief. Granted that a lack of a current scientific explanation does not prove that there is a lack of divine intervention.

As ministers of the Gospel, let us not be so quick to post about healing testimonies on our social media page before doing some due diligence of verification where possible; it will certainly add credibility to God's name as well as our own.

May we continue to be ministers of the Gospel who believe in signs and wonders to point people to Christ but seek after God alone.



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Should We Keep Seeking Signs and Wonders

Should Christians actively pursue signs and wonders? Rev Joshua Lye explores the biblical purpose of signs and wonders, and how believers can be empowered by the Holy Spirit to perform them for the glory of God.

The question before us today is, "Should we keep seeking signs and wonders, which are often manifested through the supernatural gifts and offices of the Holy Spirit?" It is often said that we should seek not the gifts but the Giver. But I believe we should seek the gifts to glorify the Giver and to fulfill His calling.

Seeking the Giver Through His Gifts

There are two extreme positions in the body of Christ. On one extreme, there are cessationists who believe that God no longer works miracles and that the supernatural gifts of the Spirit have ceased. They limit the God of miracles of the Bible and hinder the working of the Holy Spirit, resulting in a Christianity devoid of power.

On the other hand, there are hyper-Charismatics who pursue signs and wonders as the ultimate goal, to the extent that they would embrace New Age practices and disregard biblical instruction. For example, there are Christians who adopt the practices of New Age spiritists, such as using tarot cards. In Deuteronomy 18:9-14, God warned the Israelites not to adopt the abominable spiritual practices of the Canaanites when they enter the promised land. Likewise, we should not adopt abominable practices of the world, but we must be guided by the Word of God as we operate in signs and wonders.

Signs and wonders are manifested by the person of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:7). Paul preached with mighty signs and wonders by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:19). These signs and wonders are often manifested through the supernatural gifts and offices of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 27-30). Some examples of the supernatural gifts mentioned by Paul include the gifts of healing, prophecy, and working of miracles. Philip, who was in the fivefold office of an evangelist, preached the gospel with signs and wonders such as healing and deliverance (Acts 8:5-7).

The Purposes of Signs and Wonders

There are two key purposes for signs and wonders. Firstly, it is for evangelism purposes, for the attestation of the gospel so that people will believe in Jesus (Acts 1:8; John 20:30-31; Romans 15:18-19; Acts 14:3; 1 Corinthians 2:4-5; 1 Thessalonians 1:5). Secondly, the signs and wonders manifested through the gifts of the Spirit are for the edification of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 14:3,5,12,26). We should never pursue signs and wonders as an end in themselves or for selfish purposes.

The Bible tells us that we are to seek empowerment by the Holy Spirit and to desire spiritual gifts, which results in signs and wonders for the two key purposes mentioned above. This empowerment is often referred to as the anointing of the Spirit.

When Jesus gave His disciples the Great Commission, He also instructed them to wait for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which would empower them to fulfill their assignment (Acts 1:4-8). The disciples did not wait passively, but they all sought for the empowerment of the Spirit actively in prayer for many days (Acts 1:14). Finally, the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Day of Pentecost, and the disciples spoke in the supernatural gift of tongues, which the foreign crowd understood. When Peter stood up in His office as an apostle to preach an anointed sermon, three thousand people received salvation. The lesson from this story is that we are to seek to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to fulfill the Great Commission, and the empowerment is often manifested as signs and wonders through the operation of the gifts and offices of the Spirit.

In addition to fulfilling the Great Commission, signs and wonders also play an important role in the body of Christ. Paul tells the Corinthians not to be ignorant of spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:1). He tells them to desire spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 14:1). He affirms that they should be zealous for spiritual gifts but instructs them to excel in using them for the edification of the church (1 Corinthians 14:12, 26). The lesson from Paul is that we should eagerly seek for the gifts of the Spirit to edify the body of Christ.

Stirring Up the Gifts of the Spirit

In addition to seeking, believers are to develop and nurture their gifts. Paul tells his spiritual son Timothy in 2 Timothy 1:6, "Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands." We are to be intentional to stir up our gifts. As Pentecostals, we know that we can stir up the gifts by praying fervently in the Spirit. Once the gifts are stirred up, we should operate them as faithful stewards of the talents that God has given us.

The Fruit of Signs and Wonders

How can we know if we are on the right track with regard to signs and wonders? After all, Jesus warned that in the last days, there will be false prophets who will deceive believers through signs and wonders (Matthew 24:24). The best way is to look at the fruits. Does our operation of signs and wonders through the gifts of the Spirit result in the salvation of the lost and the edification of the body of Christ? Does it glorify Jesus or bring attention to ourselves?

I will end with the story of Elisha, who requested a double portion of Elijah's anointing (2 Kings 2:9). He would receive it only if he saw Elijah taken away from him. He demonstrated great persistence in refusing to leave Elijah on three occasions. Finally, he saw Elijah taken away, and he received the double portion (2 Kings 2:11). Today, I challenge you to have Elisha's persistency in desiring the anointing. May we seek the empowerment of the Spirit and eagerly desire spiritual gifts to glorify Jesus and fulfill His kingdom purposes.



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Who Performs Signs and Wonders

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God is the ultimate source of miracles, but who is instrumental in performing them on earth? In his article, Rev Dr William Toh explores how ordinary believers partner with God to work out signs and wonders.

Who performs signs and wonders? When we read the Bible, one truth shines clearly: God is a miracle-working God.¹ In Scripture, "signs and wonders" describe God's supernatural acts that go beyond human explanation and that stir amazement. From the Old Testament to the New, we see His hand moving in power, sometimes directly, sometimes through His chosen servants

God's Miraculous Power in Scripture

In the Old Testament, there were dramatic demonstrations of His authority and presence. The parting of the Red Sea (Exodus 14:21-22), the sun standing still at Joshua's command (Joshua 10:12-13), and fire falling from heaven at Elijah's prayer (1 Kings 18:36-38). All these reveal God's power to intervene in the impossible. In the New Testament, there were signs that pointed to God's truth and wonders so extraordinary that they left people marveling (Acts 2:22, 43). Jesus' ministry overflowed with miracles: water turned into wine (John 2:1-11), blind eyes opened (Mark 10:46-52), storms stilled (Mark 4:35-41), and the dead raised to life (John 11:38-44).

The Early Church's Experience with Miracles

Miracles were not confined to Jesus' ministry alone; they marked the life of the early Church and were demonstrated through both apostles and ordinary Spirit-filled believers. The book of Acts continues the story. The apostles, filled with the Holy Spirit, healed the lame (Acts 3:1-10), cast out demons (Acts 5:12-16), and saw entire communities transformed. Stephen, "full of grace and power," performed great wonders and signs among the people (Acts 6:8). Philip carried the gospel to Samaria, where crowds listened intently as unclean spirits were cast out and the paralyzed and lame were healed (Acts 8:5-8). Paul, too, witnessed extraordinary miracles: handkerchiefs and aprons that touched him brought healing and deliverance to the sick and oppressed (Acts 19:11-12).

The Purpose of Signs and Wonders

Miracles are never random. Signs and wonders reveal moments when heaven breaks into earth, moments that lift our eyes to God and glorify His name. They always point to Him and His saving purpose. In the Old Testament, God used signs to show that He alone is Lord and to confirm the authority of His prophets. In the New Testament, John explains that Jesus performed signs "so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). Signs are not for spectacle; they are for salvation. They announce that God is present, that He cares, and that He has come to rescue His people. Every healing, every deliverance, and every miracle is a visible testimony of God's love reaching into human needs.

Do Signs and Wonders Still Happen Today?

This is where the debate often begins: do miracles, signs, and wonders still happen today? Most Christians agree that God is still able to perform them. But the deeper question is this: Does He still use ordinary believers, people

like you and me, as His instruments of power in everyday life? Pentecostals and Charismatics hold firmly to Jesus' promise that all believers would receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon them with the power to be His witnesses (Acts 1:8) and to minister through signs and wonders. They believe that as they preach, the Lord Himself works with them, confirming His Word by the accompanying signs (Mark 16:20). They also take seriously the call to pray in faith for the sick, trusting God to heal through the prayer of faith (James 5:14-16).

The expectation of miracles is woven into the fabric of New Testament Christianity. Signs and wonders are not merely possible; they are a vital expression of the Church's Spirit-empowered life. As Paul and Wood remind us:

God works through the ordinary, the unseen, and sometimes the spectacular of signs and wonders... His gift to those who dare to believe and ask. God has been performing signs and wonders for centuries, yet each one occurs as new, fresh, and original. His miraculous interventions reveal to the human heart His nature and His activity. A life ready for the miraculous moves in a flow of communion with God that takes the believer beyond the realm of the natural into the realm of the supernatural²

The Church as an Instrument of God's Power

So, who performs signs and wonders? Ultimately, it is God Himself. The more significant issue, however, is not simply whether He continues to act in miraculous ways today, but whether His people are willing to become the instruments through whom His power is displayed. The early church did not shrink back in fear or doubt; instead, they prayed with boldness, "Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus" (Acts 4:29-30).

MM33 Mandate: Movement of Signs and Wonders

That same prayer is our challenge today. As Pentecostal believers, the miraculous should not be rare but part of our Spirit-filled normal. Too often, we affirm in our theology that God still empowers His people to perform signs and wonders, yet in practice we live as though this were no longer true. To fulfill the MM33 mandate, we cannot depend on human effort and strategy alone. We need the boldness of the Spirit, the confirmation of God's Word through signs and wonders, and the courage to proclaim Christ in every context.

The question remains: will we dare to ask God for boldness to declare His Word, and will we trust Him to confirm it with signs and wonders? My prayer is that every one of you will take that step of faith and dare to ask. May our generation rise with faith, courage, and obedience—ready to step beyond the natural into the supernatural—so that the nations may know that Jesus Christ is Lord. Amen!



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¹ Every sign and wonder are a miracle, but not every miracle is described as a "sign" or a "wonder." A miracle is the supernatural act itself. A sign is the meaning of that act pointing us to God's power and truth. A wonder is its effect—stirring awe, amazement, and reverence in those who witness it.

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Are Signs and Wonders an Effective Tool in Evangelism

How do signs and wonders play a part in evangelism? Are they part of evangelism? Rev Philip Tan draws from the Bible and explains.

"Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demonpossessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them." (Matthew 4:23-24)

Signs and wonders were very much a part of Jesus' preaching and teaching ministry while He was on earth, but just how effective are signs and wonders as a tool in evangelism?

Signs and Wonders in Evangelism

Before Jesus ascended to the Father in heaven, He gave to His church the following command to evangelize the world:

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:15-16)

Then He added this promise:

"And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." (Mark 16:17-18)

Quite obviously, the promise was given as a "tool" to help fulfill the task of world evangelization. It is also obvious that the Lord of the Harvest will never, ever give to us any tool that is ineffective. The tool given consists of miraculous signs such as casting out demons, speaking with new tongues, protection from danger, and healing of the sick. The most important condition to be met is that of faith—"these signs will follow those who believe." The signs will keep following us as long as we are walking in faith. We are told in Matthew 13:58 that Jesus "did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief." Unbelief hinders the working of miracles.

The book of Acts is filled with powerful accounts of signs and wonders triggering explosive church growth with multitudes being added to the church. This happened not only in the early church according to the Book of Acts, but also throughout church history right up to the present. The promise that Jesus made that "these signs will follow those who believe" (Mark 16:17) is still in force. Each time God's presence and power are revealed through signs, wonders, and miracles when the Gospel is preached, faith fills the hearts of those listening to the message. This invariably leads to increased openness and eagerness of people to accept Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Attestation of Messiah, His Ministry and His Message

Besides building up faith, the other uses of signs in evangelism are:

- · To attest the divinity of Jesus
- To authenticate His message and His ministry
- To reveal God's glory, power and authority

Jews, as a nation, are thoroughly acquainted with signs and wonders. As we look back at Israel's history, we find it is filled with signs, wonders, and miracles performed by spiritual leaders like Moses and Elijah. Confronted with the claims of Jesus, the Jews required a sign (1 Corinthians 1:22). A "sign" is "something which indicates or refers to something else" (Wayne Grudem). They needed to see a sign or signs attesting that Jesus was the Christ, the Anointed One sent by God. Jesus had told them He was the Christ, but they did not believe, so He told them, "The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of Me." (John 10:25)

Nicodemus, a prominent Jewish ruler, observing the signs that Jesus did, said, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." (John 3:2).

Besides Nicodemus, many more, Jews and also Gentiles, believed because of the signs. "And many of the people believed in Him, and said, 'When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this Man has done?" (John 7:31)

The signs that Jesus did point to Him as the Christ, the Anointed One, and so paved the way for people to believe in Him. This is of great help in the evangelizing process.

Signs as Written Witnesses

The Gospel of John, sometimes referred to as the Gospel of Belief, showcases certain signs which Jesus did. This was for the specific purpose of satisfying the need for signs that reveal the divinity of Christ, His glory, power, and authority.

"And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." (John 20:30-31)

The signs in the Gospel of John continue to serve as persuasive witnesses attesting to who Jesus is, revealing His divinity and His glory, His power and authority, and challenging the reader to believe in Jesus.

Signs and wonders are definitely an effective tool in evangelism and will continue to be so until we come to the close of the Great Commission, when the Gospel of the Kingdom would have been preached in all the world as a witness to all nations. However, its degree of effectiveness depends on how much we recognize the advantages and help it offers and whether we are putting them to good use.



Evangelist Rev Philip Tan Kwang Ming, is an ordained minister of the Assemblies of God of Singapore. Ev Philip has a heart for souls and a passion for evangelism and revivals. He has a strong deliverance ministry as well. Ev Philip has ministered in many countries especially in Asia, as well as Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Europe and USA. He holds a Master's Degree in Pastoral Leadership from Asia Theological Centre for Evangelism and Missions and was a pastor in his earlier vears of ministry.

Rev Dominic Yeo: Chairman with the Nations

Our General Superintendent, who also serves as the Chairman of the World Assemblies of God Fellowship, has ministered in different countires. We continue to pray for him as he empowers various ministries.

May 8-9 - Harrogate, United Kingdom

At the invitation of Rev Glyn Barrett, National Leader of AoG Great Britain, Rev Dominic participated in their National Conference 2025. He contributed to a leadership panel, where he shared invaluable perspectives on raising next-level leadership. He also met with Rev Glyn for intentional discussions regarding the work of the WAGF Church Planting Commission. Their meeting focused on aligning strategies and strengthening collaboration across regions to mobilize churches globally towards the goal of planting one million churches by 2033.





May 19 - Seoul & Busan, South Korea

In a day of strategic engagements across South Korea, Rev Dominic:

- Brought greetings at the General Assembly of the Assemblies of God of Korea (Yoido) in the morning session;
- Addressed the General Assembly of the Jesus Assemblies of God with a word of envisioning God's greater for our tomorrows;
- Traveled to Busan and ministered at the AG Korea (Gwanghwamun) General Assembly in the evening, highlighting the significance of generational leadership, MM33 vision and keeping the bond of unity.

May 26-28 - Bogor, Indonesia

Rev Dominic met with the regional chairpersons of the WAGF NextGen Commission for strategic alignment and collaboration. He spoke on how to reach, to raise and to release the Next Generation. Discussions centered around mobilizing and equipping next-generation leaders in alignment with the MM33 vision of planting one million churches by 2033. The gathering fostered greater synergy and momentum across continents.



Jun 1 – Cairns, Australia

Rev Dominic visited the "Great Southland of the Holy Spirit" to minister to the pastors and leaders of the Far North Queensland District of the Australian Christian Churches. He conducted inspirational sessions on Spirit-empowered leadership, imparting vision and encouragement to a gathering of regional leaders committed to advancing the Gospel across Australia and beyond.

Jun 2-5 – Helsinki, Finland

Rev Dominic graced the PWF Executive Committee Meeting and the 27th Pentecostal World Conference held in Helsinki.

Jun 14-17 – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

At the invitation of Rev Ong Sek Leang, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God of Malaysia, Rev Dominic served as keynote speaker for their 55th General Council, addressing the national leadership and pastors to envision and step into "A Greater Tomorrow", exhorting them to forget the past and press onwards into the new season that God has for them as we march towards 2033.



Jul 23-27 - Arkansas, USA

Rev Dominic joined the Executive Presbytery of the Assemblies of God, Ghana, on their learning visit to First Assembly of God, North Little Rock (FNLR), USA. Together with Rev Rod Loy, Senior Pastor of FNLR, he engaged in equipping sessions that addressed building kingdom facilities, staying relevant in ministry, advancing effective online ministry, and championing global missions. The visit provided the Ghanaian leadership with practical insights and strategic models to strengthen their ministry effectiveness and church planting efforts. Rev Dominic also visited Hot Springs, the birthplace of AG in 1914, and had a time of consecration and prayer with the Ghanian delegation.



Aug 9-14 - Nairobi, Kenya

At the invitation of Bishop Philip Kitoto, Rev Dominic ministered at the 52nd Kenya Assemblies of God General Council 2025. He delivered a keynote message aligned with the theme "Made Holy for a New Beginning," emphasizing consecration, renewal, and the Spirit's empowerment for greater kingdom impact. He also had the honor of praying over the graduating class of 2025, commissioning them to step into ministry with fresh vision and holy boldness. The gathering marked a powerful time of rededication and consecration among leaders and ministers across Kenya.



Aug 20-25 - Lusaka, Zambia

Rev Dominic spoke at the National Conference of the Assemblies of God, Zambia, under the theme "Launch into the Deep." He ministered at the conference sessions and revival nights, calling pastors and leaders to deeper faith, renewed vision, and bold obedience to the Spirit's leading. A special emphasis was placed on the MM33 vision, as they committed to double their church planting goals as part of the global mission to reach one million churches by 2033. The services were marked by intense prayer, impartation, and a fresh sense of unity for the harvest.



Aug 27-31 - Monterrey, Mexico

Rev Dominic participated in the National Conference of the Assemblies of God of Mexico, known as their "Conciliar Celebration." The gathering highlighted the shared Pentecostal identity and mission, focusing on three key areas: Pentecostalism, Our Current Potential, and the MM33 Vision. Rev Dominic spoke on evangelism in relation to MM33, stirring faith for multiplication and mobilization. The conference became a celebration of the Spirit's work in Mexico and a reaffirmation of the commitment to advancing the Gospel across the nation and beyond.

- 1 Ministry in United Kingdom
- 2 Meeting up with the Next Generation Commission in Indonesia
- 3 Keynote speaker in Assemblies of God of Malaysia's 55th General Council
- 4 Together with Ghanian ministers, Rev Dominic engaged in equipping sessions with Rev Rod Lov of USA
- 5 Delivering a keynote message and praying over the graduating class of 2025 as they step into ministry
- 6 Ministered at the 52nd Kenya Assemblies of God General Council 2025

ACTS College Pentecostal Revival Night

Igniting the Flame of Revival By Ho Fung Min, ACTS College

At the ACTS College Pentecostal Revival Night, pastors and participants from six nations gathered to worship and be reminded of the keys to revival: unity, a deep connection to the Word, and being filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

On July 14, ACTS College organized the Pentecostal Revival Night at Elim Church, bringing together 213 pastors, brothers, and sisters from 35 churches and six nations including India, Singapore, Malaysia, China, the Philippines, and Australia. Under one roof, hearts were stirred to encounter God afresh and to believe Him for revival both locally and beyond.

The night began with vibrant worship in English and Mandarin, ushering the congregation into God's presence. With hearts prepared, Rev Jeremy Griffiths delivered a powerful message from Ezekiel 37:1–14 on the keys to revival.

Find Our Place

In his humorous and relatable style, Rev Jeremy preached about three essential keys to revival. First, he challenged the congregation to find our place—to recognize that each believer has a unique place in the local church and to function in it. Revival begins when the church comes together in unity, with each believer playing the unique role God has intended for us. In Rev Jeremy's words: "two candles coming together burn brighter than each could on its own".

Follow the Pattern

The second key to revival is to follow the pattern—where we are to feed our faith with the facts of the Word as it will make us strong. Here, he got the congregation to ponder what we usually feed our souls

with. Are we people who feed on the Word or our fleshly desires? Do we allow the world to direct us or the Word to shape our decisions? Just as feeding our bodies with junk food would only make us crave more junk food, the type of spiritual input we have will eventually determine our faith. What we feed on will lead us on and we are to nourish ourselves primarily from the truths of the Word.

Filled with Heaven-sent Power

Lastly, for revival to take place, we need to be filled with heaven-sent power. Rev Jeremy reminded us that revival is always marked by a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We need power from on high to live boldly for Christ and to fulfill the mission God has given us. As such, we need to continually desire empowerment that comes from the Spirit. Mere human effort will never be sufficient but with God's power, we can bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

The night closed with a time of response where brothers and sisters responded to God's message both individually and corporately. Together, we prayed for unity, a greater work of the Holy Spirit and for God to use the church to bring the Gospel to other surrounding nations. As the congregation united our hearts to seek God for a revival, we trust that God had begun His renewing work in individuals present that night and will continue to stir in the hearts of His people.

As ACTS College continues its mission of training and equipping Spirit-empowered leaders, this Revival Night was a timely reminder that God's call remains urgent: to stay faithful, united, and Spirit-filled until the Gospel reaches the ends of the earth. To Him be all the glory!









- 1 The worship team leading in praise
- 2 Listening attentively during the teaching sessions
- 3 Receiving the Word into our hearts
- 4 Responding to the ministry of the Word

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Staying True to His Call: ACTS College Retreat 2025

ACTS College faculty, staff, students, and alumni bonded and received an empowering reminder to remain faithful to God.

By Bay Jo-el, ACTS College



The faculty, staff, students and alumni of ACTS College headed to Johor Bahru, Malaysia for our annual retreat from July 16 to 19. Throughout the retreat, we tarried in God's presence and encountered Him together in fresh and meaningful ways. We laughed together, prayed for one another, and shared in times of fellowship.

Staying True to His (God's) Call

We were joined by Rev Jeremy Griffiths, who spoke to us about "Staying True to His (God's) Call", which was the theme of our retreat. Across several sessions, we learned about God's call through the lives of different characters in the Bible

such as Peter, Deborah, Boaz, and the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus. Each example provided us with insight into God's call and what it means to stay faithful to it. We were challenged to step out of our comfort zones, to remain steadfast, and to be willing to do whatever God tells us to do. This was a timely and important reminder to stay true and faithful to Him in all seasons of life.

Bonding Time

Beyond the time spent in ministry through various sessions, the retreat also provided us with opportunities to bond more deeply as a community. We participated in various activities such as the Eco-Scan, where we shared with one another what God was speaking to us about in different areas of our lives. This activity allowed us to go beyond the surface and share more vulnerably and deeply about our lives. Through these activities, we grew closer and had a deeper understanding of one another.

The fellowship and bonding did not stop at the scheduled activities. Some of us

continued our conversations late into the night over our supper outings. These times of food, fun, and laughter became moments where our hearts were refreshed by one another's presence and encouraged as we heard the different journeys we were on, to stay true to God's call in our lives.

Encouraging One Another

All in all, the retreat inspired us to continue staying true to God's call for each of our lives. It reminded us that we are not on this journey alone. Instead, we have fellow brothers and sisters whom we can count on to encourage and remind us to stay faithful to God's call when the journey becomes difficult.

We are thankful to God for moving and meeting us during this retreat. We are also grateful to the organizing committee and to all those who have contributed their time and effort to ensure the retreat ran smoothly. This retreat was truly an empowering time to remain faithful to all that God has called us to. All glory to God!



- 1 ACTS Retreat 2025: Staying True to His Call
- 2 A moment of prayer and blessing
- 3 Rev Jeremy sharing God's Word during the keynote teaching session
- 4 Fellowship over lunch





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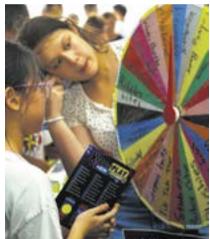
Kids@Play 2025

In the zone where play meets purpose.

By Royal Rangers Singapore

Imagine an event where children laugh, play, and discover God's love in a safe, joy-filled space. Picture families gathering, churches working as one, and young leaders stepping up to serve.

That vision came alive on August 16, 2025 at Kids@Play! Organized by Royal Rangers Singapore and hosted at Bethel Assembly of God, the carnival drew over 1,000 people, including children aged 5 to 13 who came with their parents and families. 12 churches and organizations like Our Daily Bread joined together in support.







This year's theme, "In The Zone," turned the evangelistic event into a buzzing arcade with 30 creative game and activity booths. Children dashed from booth to booth, their laughter and cheers filling the air.

Many booths were run by Royal Rangers children and youth, guided by their leaders. It gave them the chance to invite friends, serve others, and grow in skills, responsibility, teamwork, and leadership. This reflects the heartbeat of Royal Rangers—Child Led, Adult Facilitated.

The highlight came during the children's rallies. Eight-year-old Elijah Oliver amazed the crowd with a magic show that shared God's truth in creative ways. Bro Darius Foo led praise with songs and dance that lifted the atmosphere with energy and joy. Finally, Rev Nicholas Choo delivered a powerful gospel message using illusions to illustrate how Jesus transforms lives.

The result? A total of 76 children made a decision to follow Christ, and each was connected to their respective churches for follow-up and discipleship. As the carnival closed, the joy was unmistakable. Children left with new friendships, unforgettable memories, and the message of God's love planted in their hearts. Parents expressed gratitude for purposeful and meaningful event that blessed the whole family... Reach! Teach! Keep!





















With over 30 games and activities to explore, there was fun for everyone at Kids@Play



 $The \ children's \ rallies \ gave \ each \ child \ the \ opportunity \ to \ receive \ Jesus \ into \ their \ hearts$

Next Generation Advance Conference 2025

Reaching everyone requires everyone—every person, every generation, empowered by God's Spirit to advance! By Ps Tan Yunyun, Zion Full Gospel Church

This year's Next Generation Conference met in Bogor, Indonesia, from July 8 to 10. Organized by South-East Asia Assemblies of God Fellowship (SEA-AGF), the biannual conference hosted its second run at GSJA Betlehem. Next Gen ministers from all over Indonesia and from Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, Japan, and Mongolia gathered for a Spirit-empowered time of Encounters, Idea Labs, and Collectives.

Unifying Voices, Powerful Messages

All five speakers spoke with great passion and anointing and yet proclaimed with unity on God's heart to reach the next generation. Rev Mavis Wong¹ launched off the conference with a strong start on the three types of empowerments needed in reaching the next generation: 1) We need God's Power; 2) We need God's Presence over Performance; 3) We need God's Fire that Transforms.

Next in Idea Lab #1, based on his personal experience with cancer, Rev Austin Westlake² shared authentically and inspiringly on "10 Things I've Learnt About Going Through Difficult Seasons".

Idea Lab #2 had Ps Thony Ronaldo3 providing practical training on evangelism and rousing delegates with his amazing evangelistic accounts.

The next morning, Rev Dr Terry Parkman4 zoomed in from the States sharing rich insights from his doctoral research on discipling Generation Alpha. He described



the discipleship win with Generation Alpha as "navigating culture biblically and redeeming culture transformatively" and gave some examples on how to do that.

Rev Austin then preached on the story of Paul and Silas worshiping in prison (Acts 16:22-37). He spoke on how commitment changes our perspective of seeing situations as risks to resources. For Idea Lab #3, he taught on Discipleship Essentials: The Seven Timeless Principles for Discipleship. He also shared several practical discipleship tools and resources developed by the Assemblies of God for Next Gen ministries.5

Just landed from a 16-hour flight, Rev Kendall Alfaro⁶ used the acronym "HEART" to challenge delegates to have "The Heart of a Leader" for the next generation. H-Hunger for Wisdom; E—Expect the Best; A —Accept Responsibility; R—Respond with Courage; T—Think Others First.

The night sessions were free and open to the public. Since it was the local school holidays, hundreds of youths attended. Rev Austin and Rev Kendall took turns preaching, and Ps Thony interpreted for them in Bahasa Indonesia. The ministry time was packed at the altars. The atmosphere was electrifying, as the youths cried out in repentance and in hunger for God! The leaders ministering were also visibly moved by the spiritual needs of the youths and by God's power!

For the final day, Rev Austin exhorted delegates based on Mark 14:32-42 to "Lead



on Standby," to not just sign up but to be ready to show up for God. The conference concluded with a time of meaningful reflection and prayer led by Rev Mavis. Many went up for prayer and renewed their call to serve the next generation for God. Surely, many have been empowered by God's Spirit and were ready to advance!

As the conference drew to a close, 13 delegates were getting ready for their three-day mission trip (July 11-13) to a nearby town. Made up of delegates from Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Mongolia, the international team met up together for the first time at the conference and had a short time to plan for the ministry.

Bringing the Word to the Unreached

Despite the short preparation time, the team worked incredibly well together and ministered in the Spirit's power at the local church that serves an unreached people group. The preaching of the word and testimonies shared at the services were apt, the prayer ministries witnessed tears flowing freely and people encountering the move of God, and the house visitations were filled with testimonies of healing, encouragement, and words of knowledge shared.

Moreover, the team was also richly blessed by the strong faith of the pastors and leaders in the church and the deep love that they have for the people and towards the team. What powerful testimonies of advance from Next Gen Advance!



Delegates' Reflections

Tsenduukhei Burenbayasakh (Joe) from Huree/Urban Church, Mongolia, who serves in Media Service and as a Youth Cell Group Leader, shared, "I had an amazing time at the Next Gen Advance Leadership Conference in Bogor, Indonesia, in July! After a long trip from Mongolia, it was so inspiring to see how God is giving fresh visions and special gifts to the next generation of leaders."

Sarah Anbu Nithiya Gunalan, from Grace Assembly Klang, Malaysia, serving as Head of Children Ministry, commented. "I found the conference to be quite valuable and advantageous for the Next Gen leaders, offering a refreshing and enlightening experience. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to rest, learn, and recharge, feeling inspired to continue the journey of nurturing a godly, strong, and God-fearing generation."

Edmund Chai Wee Kiat, from Zion Full Gospel Church, Singapore, who serves as a youth worker, remarked, "The conference was truly refreshing. The teachings stirred my heart and deepened my hunger for Jesus. I walked away encouraged, equipped, and more in love with Him."

Elizza Marie Ticar, from Lily of the Valley Community Church, Philippines, serving as Pastoral Staff (Youth), observed, "The conference was a great experience and a reminder for me personally from the Lord, the very reason why He allowed me to be out of my comfort zone and be in a foreign place where there's a difference between culture and belief. It ignited me once again and made me much more excited for the things Jesus will do in the place where He is planting me as of now, a reminder of His grace and love for us."

- 1 Rev Mavis Wong (SEA-AGF Next Gen Chair)
- ² Rev Austin Westlake (National Youth Director for AG Youth Ministries, USA)
- ³ Ps Thony Ronaldo (Youth Pastor in Next Generation Department, GSJA Betlehem)
- ⁴ Rev Dr Terry Parkman (NextGen Pastor of River Valley Church, Minneapolis, MN; Global Next Gen Ambassador of OneHopeMinistry; Global Next Gen Lead of Empowered21)
- https://discipleship.ag.org/
- ⁶ Rev Kendall Alfaro (District Next Gen Director for North Carolina)

- 1 Packed altars at the night sessions
- 2 Coming together at the youth service
- We had the privilege to bless the families during house visitation

第三届国际五旬宗领袖大会

3rd International Chinese Pentecostal Leaders Conference

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By Rev Lindsey Lui, Advisor to 3rd International Chinese Pentecostal Leaders Conference 2025



第三届国际五旬宗领袖大会圆满落幕,讲员与会者共同探讨了五旬宗信仰的独特呼召,积极应对时代挑战,并将属灵的火炬传递给下一代。

新加坡神召会荣幸于2025年8月4日至6日,在神召会永生堂举办国际五旬宗领袖大会,共有249位代表出席。来自香港、台湾、马来西亚、中国及日本的87位代表蒙受极大祝福,新加坡的158位牧者和领袖亦同蒙恩典。

五旬宗大家庭

2025第三届国际五旬宗领袖大会圆满结束—五旬宗信仰动起来!本次大会不仅再次强调五旬宗信仰在今日教会中的独特呼召,更激励教会勇敢回应时代的挑战——积极传递五旬宗运动的异象,传承信仰真理,挑旺属灵复

兴,为教会带来更新,也为社区带来 转化。

日间会议

十二位会议演讲者和专题讨论嘉宾以 恩膏的信息、深刻的教导与属灵的传 递,丰盛地造就并激励了所有与会代 表。

公开聚会

官文豪牧师在8月4日的奋兴会带来了 灵里的更新和突破。颜金龙牧师在8月 5日医治会中,见证了救赎与医治。

感谢AG(S)委员会!

我们衷心感谢筹委会为筹办本次大会 所付出的不懈努力。也为神赐下在这 跨世代团队中的合一与喜乐而献上 感恩!

In the 3rd International Chinese Pentecostal Leaders Conference, speakers and attendees explored the unique calling of the Pentecostal faith, addressing the challenges of the modern era and focusing on passing on the spiritual flame to the next generation.

Assemblies of God (AG) Singapore is honored to host her first Chinese AG conference for 249 delegates at Eternal Life Assembly from August 4-6, 2025. 87 delegates from Hong Kong, Taiwan, Malaysia, China, and Japan were greatly blessed, as were the 158 Singaporean pastors and leaders.

One Big Pentecostal Family

The theme of the conference was 'Fire Up, the Pentecostal Spirit'! This conference not only reaffirmed the unique calling of Pentecostal faith within the church but also inspired congregations to courageously respond to the challenges of our era—actively sharing the vision of the Pentecostal movement, passing on the truths of faith, igniting spiritual revival, bringing renewal to the church, and transforming communities.

Day Conference

The anointed preachings, teachings and impartation by 12 conference and panel speakers uplifted the delegates.

见证

激发内在潜能:回应圣灵的呼召

这次的大会重申了五旬宗信仰传承所需要的坚定理念和实际行动。对我个人来说,这次的大会让我看见五旬宗信仰还未释放出的巨大潜能与影响力。大会后,我希望能够更深地领会圣灵的大能和作为;也祷告要勇敢被圣灵大大的使用;好让更多的弟兄姐妹们亲自经历圣灵的充满和圣灵的大能!

- 蔡宝杰牧师, 三巴旺神召会主任牧师

唤醒五旬认同:属灵身份的再确认

这个五旬领袖大会再一次提醒了我五旬的独特身份。失去了这个身份,就好比失去了自我和方向。当我再一次的看清自己的身份,就不会看轻圣灵在教会里每一个人的恩赐和能力。圣灵不是单单在领袖的身上赐下能力,而是每一个会友都能经历圣灵和被圣灵使用。我期许未来将更主动参与主工,渴慕圣灵、亲近神、谦卑服事。- **岑有信弟兄**,神召会以琳堂

建造属灵传承: 世代兴起成为使命

五旬宗的信仰根基,不只是历史的传承,更是圣灵今天仍然在我们中间的作为。听到前辈们在信仰和事工上的坚持,我深受感动。这次大会让我深深体会到'世代的兴起'不只是一个口号,而是一项使命。我被提醒要牧养下一代,要更愿意付代价,为将来的教会打下根基,把属灵的火延续下去。我计划大会之后更系统地门训年轻人,在生活中陪伴他们信仰成长,使属灵传承不间断。— 吴丽珍牧师, 神召会恩典堂

勇敢站立: 让圣灵的火不熄灭

我更有勇气做神的事工了,不再怕丢脸。只要是为主,就要大胆站出来。我一定要传承五旬宗的精神,不能让它中断,要把圣灵的火继续传下。"他的心志代表了无数神召会信徒的呼声——让圣灵的火焰继续燃烧在下一代心中。— 朱俊如弟兄. 新加坡新天际神召会

Special Night Services

On August 4, Rev Philip Koon brought spiritual renewal and breakthroughs on the Revival Night. Rev Yan Jin Long ministered on the Healing Night Service on August 5, where we saw salvation and healing.

Appreciating the Committee

We are thankful for our Singapore's Chinese AG committee who worked tirelessly to organize this conference. Praise God for the unity and fun in this inter-generational team!

Testimony

Activating Potential: Responding to the Spirit's Call

This conference reemphasized the unwavering convictions and practical actions needed to carry forward the Pentecostal legacy. Personally, it revealed to me the vast potential and influence that have yet to be released through Pentecostal faith. After the conference, I desire to better understand the power and work of the Holy Spirit, and I pray to be boldly used by the Spirit—so that many brothers and sisters may themselves experience the Spirit's fullness and power! — **Rev Anthony Chua**, Sembawang Assembly of God

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A Vision for Healthy Church Multiplication

Our ministers gathered to be empowered by Mr Daron Crothers from Dynamic Church Planting International (DCPI), exploring and learning about Christ's mandate to plant healthy churches.

By Ps Reetha Vanimogan, Hosanna Assembly of God

Creation was given the mandate to "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it." It is God's principle of dominion and expansion. The 2TiP Worship on September 4, 2025, led by Ps Samantha Koh and Bro Jireh Tham, had all singing, "Great Are You Lord." It was a fitting declaration, placing Christ where He rightfully stands, at the centre of creation, mission, and multiplication.

A Vision for Church Planting

Mr Daron Crothers, World Zone Leader for Asia, Southeast and Pacific with Dynamic Church Planting International (DCPI), spoke about Christ's vision to plant churches. DCPI aims not only to train church planters but also to equip future trainers with practical tools, accelerating multiplication.

With a vision to plant five million churches by 2033, DCPI aims to spark a flywheel effect, a self-sustaining movement of church multiplication. Regardless of where a church is in its life cycle, DCPI's training tracks provide guidance for growth and movement.

The 12 Principles of Dynamic Church Planting

Mr Daron introduced one of DCPI's core teachings from the *Church Planting Essentials* track:

The 12 Principles of Dynamic Church Planting, grounded in Scripture and tested through global ministry.

- The Boss Principle places Christ as Lord over church planting and affirms that God has a vision for the newly planted church (Ephesians 1:22-23)
- 2) The Power Principle stresses that prayer is essential in every phase of church planting and makes way for God's provision of power and wisdom (Colossians 4:2-4).
- The Nehemiah Principle expands that God's vision leads to a clear task list set out on a timeline (Habakkuk 2:1-2).
- The Barnabas Principle highlights that every planter needs a mentor (Acts 11:25-26).



- 5) The Team Leader Principle emphasizes that the church planting pastor is effective as part of a team on which the planter serves as the visionary leader (Acts 13:1-3).
- 6) The Mission Principle affirms that the central work of the new church will be to help people put their trust in Christ and grow into maturity as His followers (Matthew 28:1-20).
- 7) The Leadership Principle asserts that leadership development lies at the heart of the new church's mission, and the most important leadership quality to develop is spiritual maturity (1 Timothy 3:1-13).
- 8) The Bridge Principle deems it essential to understand and communicate sensitively to the hearts and minds of people in the target community (1 Corinthians 9:22-23).
- O) The Magnet Principle asserts widespread community awareness and interest when God plants a church (Matthew 5:14-16).
- 10) The Balance Principle calls for a biblical balance in the church planter's spiritual life, family life, and ministry life (1 Timothy 3:4).





- 11) The Multiplication Principle reveals that healthy churches should reproduce and that a daughter church should be envisioned and planned from the beginning (Acts 13:1-3).
- 12) The Joseph Principle underscores the need to attend to organizational and administrative matters to protect and stabilize the new church and to grow healthily (Acts 6:1-4).

Eight Essential Church Systems

Before closing, Mr Daron shared eight essential systems for a healthy, growing church. Neglecting any could lead to chaos, where "everyone does what is right in his own eyes." These systems are:

- Reproduction
- Spiritual Growth
- Outreach
- Worship Planning
- Assimilation
- Finance
- Ministry Placement
- Care



- 1 Guest speaker, Mr Daron Crothers, from DCPI, explaining the principles for healthy church multiplication
- 2 We came before God in worship as we prepared our hearts to receive the teaching
- 3 With lifted hands, we were ready to hear from God
- 1 Discussion among our ministers to reinforce learning

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Zion Full Gospel Church's SG60 Prayer Walk

A powerful prayer walk where members came together in faith to intercede for the nation and live out their calling as agents of restoration.

By Zion Full Gospel Church

In preparation for Singapore's 60th National Day, members of Zion Full Gospel Church came together for a powerful display of unity and Spirit-led faith, members of Zion Full Gospel Church (ZFGC) gathered on Wednesday, August 6, for a special prayer walk along the Singapore River. The event, held in anticipation of Singapore's upcoming 60th National Day, saw approximately 60 members from various congregations, including youth and young working adults, come together to intercede for the nation, its leaders, and for peace.



Ready to embark on the prayer walk

A Spiritual Pilgrimage

The prayer walk was more than just a physical journey; it was a spiritual pilgrimage through the heart of Singapore's Central Business District (CBD), tracing a path from the river to the Esplanade. This deliberate route took the participants past strategic national landmarks, transforming a familiar landscape into a sacred space for prayer. The atmosphere was charged with purpose as small groups formed along the route, each one lifting up heartfelt prayers, empowered by the Holy Spirit. This intentional gathering mirrored the church's commitment to community and intercession, much like the cherished fellowship experienced during our annual church camps.

A Reflection of the Church's 2025 Vision

The theme of the prayer walk resonated with the church's 2025 vision to be a people who rise to witness for Christ in both word and deed. As members walked and prayed, they were not only seeking God's favor for the nation but also actively living out their calling to be agents of restoration and hope. The walk served as a tangible expression of the church's desire to move from inward concern to outward compassion, a message that has been central to recent sermons and gatherings.



Coming together as an inter-generational church to bless our nation

The prayer groups offered a time for focused intercession. They prayed for Singapore's leaders, asking for wisdom and guidance in the challenges ahead. They interceded for peace, seeking divine protection and harmony for all citizens. This act of collective prayer underscored the belief that God's power, released through the Holy Spirit, is not limited by human limitations, and that trusting in His plan can bring about amazing changes. The walk was a testament to the power of a God-centered community, a place where people can renew their spirits and connect in a special way through a deeper spiritual intimacy.



Praying for our beloved Singapore

Uniting in Purpose

The event brought together members of all ages, from different congregations, fostering a strong sense of unity. This coming together of the English, Chinese, and Hokkien congregations, along with the youth and young working adults, was a hallmark of other church events, such as the Easter celebrations and church camps. The sight of so many believers, unified in purpose and prayer, was a heartening witness to God's incredible grace. It was a beautiful reflection of the church as the body of Christ, a place where people can experience God's warmth and love through the vibrant presence of His Spirit.



In one heart, we interceded

Beyond a One-Time Event

As the prayer walk concluded near the Esplanade, with the iconic skyline as a backdrop, the members felt a renewed sense of purpose. This was not just a one-time event but a continuation of the church's journey of faith—a movement of the Spirit stirring its people to step into their calling with courage and conviction. The prayer walk served as a powerful reminder of the church's commitment to be the "beautiful feet" of the messenger who brings good news, a challenge put forth by a guest speaker during a previous Easter celebration. The collective prayer demonstrated a reliance on the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit to transform lives and communities, a core tenet of the Pentecostal faith.

A Testimony to God's Faithfulness

The success of the SG60 prayer walk is a testament to God's faithfulness and the collective heart of His people at ZFGC. It was a time to surrender fears, to embrace God's new mantle, and to look at the community with renewed eyes. To God be all the glory for what He has done and will continue to do through His Spirit-filled people.



Our young people bringing their youthful energy to the prayer walk

Young Families Prayer Walk and Saturation

On July 6, 2025, Bethel's young families gathered to reach out to new neighbors, while modeling their faith to the children and growing as a community.

By Ps Joyce Tok, Bethel Assembly of God

The July Prayer Walk Group gathered for a picture

The young parents' zone in Bethel Assemblies of God provides a community for families with children under 12, to foster connection and encouragement during this

life stage. Contrary to the common perception that young families are "too busy" for church involvement beyond Sunday worship service, many of our families have committed to growing together spiritually. The cell groups in this zone gather once a month for families to worship, share life through sermon



One of our children leaving a track for the household

discussion and fellowship together. Apart from the monthly cell, families also share life after service each Sunday when they gather for lunch fellowship at the church café to interact and fellowship.

Shaping Faith through Ministry Together

The objective for this zone is to cultivate a generation of young Christian families where parents actively shape



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Parent-child partnership works the best

their children's faith through the demonstration of their beliefs, values, and actions, while also encouraging open dialogue that reflects Christian principles within their families and the broader church community.

One such platform to integrate faith and action is through our prayer walk to cover the new BTO estate

Families that serve together, stay together

of MacPherson Spring and Blossom, launched in April this year. As young couples and families begin to reside in this new estate, which previously housed a predominantly older



Reaching out to one of the households

demographic, we are strategically focusing on establishing our church's presence within these new residential blocks. young families, including children, will dedicate time after church to walk the ground, saturate and engage with the young families living in these blocks, while other regions within the church extend outreach

efforts to the Geylang East and Aljunied estates. Through this, we hope to have the opportunity to befriend these newer residents who have moved within proximity to our church and to be-the-light (Bethelite)!

Parents' Reflections

"Going on a prayer walk in the neighborhood with my kids allows us to spend meaningful time together and strengthen our bond. It also gives us, as parents, a valuable opportunity to model good values and behavior, knowing that our children are observing and learning from our actions.

- Wilson and Qin Ying Tan, parents to Xin Rui, 12 and Tian Rui, 10.

"Prayer walk is a type of intercessory prayer for God's people where evangelism can take place. I believe in being a role model that teaches through actions and set good examples for the next generation."

- Taylor and Corin Eng, parents to Chislon, 7.

"Doing prayer walks as a family helps us walk the ground like Jesus, building compassion for the lost in the community where God has placed our

- Andrew and Winnie Su, parents to Ariel, 9.

"Doing prayer walk as a family serves as teaching opportunity that everyone, regardless of age, can play their part in kingdom. Joshua 24:15, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

- Daniel and Darienna Goh, parents to Mikaela, 10 and Elizabeth, 7.

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Vibrant Seniors' Johor Bahru Trip

On July 17, 2025, New Horizon Church's (NHC) Vibrant Seniors' Ministry organized a day trip to Johor Bahru (JB), Malaysia for fellowship and outreach.

By Ps Peter Koh, New Horizon Church

As part of the New Horizon Church's vision to develop a community of vibrant seniors, it started the Vibrant Seniors' Ministry in February 2025 for members of age 60 years and above. One of the first few events of its launch was a day trip made by 27 seniors to JB. Vibrant and enthusiastic senior members with shopping bags and trolleys met at Jurong East Mall early in the morning. Via public transport, they crossed the border to JB using the Tuas causeway and headed for Bukit Indah.



All ready to have fun!

Shopping Fun

Their first stop upon arrival was to visit the famous Ming Ang Confectionary filled with local goodies besides the freshly baked "siew baos", "tausa peahs", "wife cakes" etc. Satisfied with all their purchases, they then headed to Restaurant Loong Sing to have an early and discounted 'dim-sum' lunch. Their bags and trolleys were further loaded with more delicious cakes, buns and pastries from a nearby Verbena Bakery. The rest of the day was free and easy shopping at Bukit Indah Shopping Mall.

Food Feast

To rest from their shopping and to catch up with one another, several members met for pastries, coffee and tea during tea break. A group of durian enthusiasts found their way to a nearby durian stall to lay their hands on affordable durians. The group enjoyed the fellowship and feasting although the sun was scorching hot then. All the participants achieved about 11,000 steps, walked seven km and lost at least 500 Kcals.



More food to try



Enjoying some delicious durians

God's Presence with Us

God protected all the seniors throughout the trip. His presence was with them and that made the entire trip so special, fun, and meaningful. Love and care especially towards the older participants were displayed as the group enjoyed themselves. Two of our seniors invited pre-believing friends who joined the trip, and they also had the chance of getting to know many NHC friends during the trip.

The wonderful, fruitful day of shopping, eating and fellowshiping finally came to an end when all the members boarded a bus home. Before leaving, words of appreciation from grateful seniors for the wonderful trip planned by the Vibrant Seniors' Committee poured in. They thanked the younger participants who graciously waited for those who arrived late. Gratitude was also given to one participant who generously paid for the sumptuous lunch. They looked forward to the Vibrant Seniors' Committee organizing more such outings in the future.



Lunch was served

Two objectives set by the Vibrant Seniors' Ministry were being met during the trip. The first is that our seniors will find their value in the Kingdom of God through caring and supporting one another. The second is to extend and reach out to pre-believers in organized activities. The JB trip had certainly given the seniors a chance to meet and interact, love and care for each other especially towards the pre-believers and those young in faith who participated. The Vibrant Seniors' Ministry hopes to continue to organize more programs for the seniors to fulfill their social, physical, mental, etc needs whilst meeting the goals of New Horizon Church.



Having a meal to fellowship



On our journey back with hearts and bags full

Photo credit: Ps Peter Koh

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Sembawang AG Community Project

Free Love Meals
(FLM) Project
seeks to establish
friendships
with residents at
Sembawang Crescent.

By Catherine Lye, Sembawang Assembly of God

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." (Matthew 25:35-36)

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35)

On April 26, 2025, a group of passionate volunteers from Sembawang AG came together to distribute another round of FLM to the residents at Sembawang Crescent.



Preparation for offsite delivery by church members and external volunteers

Being a Blessing

The purpose of our FLM Project is to establish long-term relationships with residents and to be a blessing to them through practical acts of love and kindness. This initiative reflects the heart of Jesus in caring for the hungry, the thirsty, and those in need within our community.



Blessed to be a blessing

With 16 volunteers, we were able to reach out to the residents staying in Sembawang Crescent, distributing a total of 200 lunch boxes to the residents, providing them with a meal from our hearts. Many residents welcomed these lunch boxes with gratitude, and it was a joy to witness their smiles and hear their words of thanks.

Truly, as Acts 20:35 reminds us, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Through this community outreach project, we experienced firsthand the blessing and joy that comes from serving others, especially the weak and the needy among us.

Serving Our Community

We thank God for this precious opportunity to partner with one another in serving our community, reflecting His love in practical ways. We also thank all volunteers who gave their time and effort to make this outreach a success.

We believe that as we continue to refresh others, we ourselves will also be refreshed, just as it is written, "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." (Proverbs 11:25)

We look forward to many more opportunities to bless our community and to shine forth the glory of God in the northern region of Singapore.

Volunteers' Reflections

Our volunteers reflected on their involvement.

"When I serve food to the needy, I'm reminded that every act of kindness, no matter how small, carries a deeper purpose—a quiet way of sharing grace and love." – **Aveiro Ho**

"I'm truly grateful to have been part of the food distribution team. Words cannot fully describe the joy and gratitude on people's faces as they received the meals. It was also a meaningful experience for my children, giving them a chance to serve others and show their love and care for the community. Sharing food is sharing love—together with my children, we plant seeds of kindness and hope in every meal we give." – Rachael Koh



The young and faithful in action



FLM Delivery Team



Partner with Us

If you as an individual or your church would like to partner with us in future community outreach initiatives or contribute to this special project, the Free Love Meals (FLM), please contact Ms Catherine Lye at 88771166.

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God's Faithfulness and Provision in My Studies

Through a journey of academic struggles, a student's PhD became a testament to God's faithfulness. By Andre Tan, Moriah Assembly of God

"It's finally over!" I thought to myself as I waited backstage for my name to be called by the Dean of the Graduate School. Looking back, I never imagined I would one day complete a PhD in Genetics—let alone, receive a scholarship to fully fund my study from the university. After all, as some of my family and friends may know, I was never the "study type". I always found schoolwork to be a challenging endeavor, and to maintain even a hint of focus was such an uphill battle. I would rather play a game of Angry Birds than try to memorize what a particular biology text was about or remember a mathematical formula. But time and time again, God has always led me, sustained me and provided in ways I could have never expected. What began as a struggle simply to get through school has turned into a testimony of God's faithfulness.

Struggles in my Academic

My academic struggles began early, in primary school, and continued into secondary school. Like every student, I had to face the dreaded PSLE, then the N and O levels. But instead of paying attention in class, my mind often wandered to what I would eat during recess or when I could finally go home and rest. I even remember once calling my mother during recess to say I felt unwell, just so I could avoid another round of boring science lessons.

My grades dropped so badly that my parents hired multiple tutors and even sent me to study in my aunt's office so they could keep an eye on me. I hated it at that time, but looking back now, I see God's hand in it all. He was providing for me through my loving aunt, supportive family, and even teachers who encouraged me to keep going when I wanted to give up.

Turning Point

After the army, I felt lost. I applied to several universities, only to face rejection after rejection. Each letter was a fresh disappointment, and I wondered if my journey in studies had come to an end. I still remember sharing my frustration with a close friend, and she encouraged me to consider applying to study in Australia. The very next week, I met with an education agent, and he told me I was "lucky" to have exactly 3.0, because without it, the doors would have been closed.

The waiting that followed was another test of faith. Months went by with no news, but in God's time, the acceptance letter finally came—from the University of Queensland. And with that, a new chapter of my studies began in Australia. Through God's provision, I even received a scholarship that fully funded my PhD program and allowance to support my living expenses.

God's Plans

Through it all, I have learned that God does not always remove the struggle. As a young Christian, I sometimes thought that if I attended kids' church faithfully or tithed regularly, He might make studying easy or even turn me into an Einstein overnight. But that was not how God worked. The struggle remained, and often the path was unclear. Yet, through those very struggles and seasons of waiting, God was at work.

Because I was not an express student, I had to spend an additional year in school. At the time, it felt like a setback. But that "delay" became an opportunity to meet friends I could share the gospel with. We struggled through studies together, prayed for one another, and I even witnessed a friend come to faith in Christ.

God's Provision

Struggles, I've come to see, are not meaningless. God allows them so that we are drawn back to Him. In my reflection, I am reminded of Hebrews 4:14-16, "Therefore,



My family is my greatest support

since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Struggle pushes us to find our meaning in God, not in our grades. And in the midst of it all, God still provides-giving strength for each step and opening doors in His time.

From the boy who could barely sit through a science class to the graduate waiting for his PhD to be conferred, my story is not about academic success, but about God's faithfulness. Struggle is part of life, but God calls us to trust in His leading and His provision-even when the way forward is not always clear.

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Testimony

Awakening Pentecostal Identity: Reaffirming Spiritual Identity

This conference once again reminded us of our distinct Pentecostal identity. Losing this identity is like losing our very self and direction. When I know my identity, I will not underestimate the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit in the church. The Holy Spirit does not bestow power solely upon leaders. Every member can experience the Holy Spirit and be used by Him. I desire to draw near to God and actively participate in the Lord's work. - Bro Ngim Ju Sing, Elim Church

Building Spiritual Legacy: Empowering the Next Generation is Our Mission The foundation of Pentecostal faith is not merely historical inheritance, but the Holy Spirit's ongoing work among us today. Hearing our predecessors' steadfast commitment in faith and ministry deeply moved me. This conference made me deeply realize that 'generational rise' is not just a slogan, but a mission. I must shepherd the next generation; to be willing to pay the price, to lay the foundation for the future church, and to keep the spiritual flame burning. I am committed to systematically disciple young people after the conference, to accompany them in their faith journey, ensuring the spiritual legacy continues uninterrupted. - Rev Jasvin Ng, Grace AG Church

Standing Boldly: Keeping the Fire of the Spirit Burning

I now have greater courage to do the Lord's work—no longer afraid of embarrassment. If it's for the Lord, I will boldly stand up. I must pass on the spirit of Pentecost and not let it end. The fire of the Spirit must continue to burn! - Bro Choo Choon Joo, New Horizon Church

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Forty Years in Ministry and Counting!

Marking 40 years in full-time ministry, Rev Robert Lum has handed over the leadership baton at Eternal Life Assembly, retiring from active ministry while continuing to serve as Pastor Emeritus. The AG Times sat down with him to reflect on leadership and transition.

Looking back on your 40 years of full-time ministry, what key lessons did you learn about leading the church through significant changes or challenging periods?

The first key lesson is being certain of God's leading. This requires a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit and faith in following His direction. We do not have all the answers, but as long as we follow God, He will be there for us.

The second lesson is that change cannot be rushed. It is a process that involves clear communication and shared understanding, and the active involvement of stakeholders such as staff, board members, and ministry leaders.

The third lesson is to accept the fact that you cannot get everyone to follow. There will always be skeptics and opposers, but this is part of the leadership journey. It is important to have a core group committed to praying and walking together. This will provide strength to overcome obstacles and discouragement.







How do you believe your own leadership style evolved most significantly over your ministry?

Over the years, God's affirmation has shaped my leadership journey. I was a reluctant leader, but the role gradually became clearer as people accepted me as their leader. I have also become adaptable in my leadership styles, assertive when strong leadership is needed, and accommodating when appropriate, to encourage leaders to grow and rise in their leadership roles.

Team leadership is proving to be more effective in this generation. While it can be easier to work alone, collaboration enables dialogue, refinement of plans, and greater buy-in, fostering stronger cooperation in leading the church and ministry.





What, in your view, are the most essential qualities for effective pastoral leadership in today's world?

Three essential qualities are character, faithfulness, and humility. Character is more important than competence and charisma. People may look at appearances, but God looks at our character. (1 Samuel 16:7) In the long run, we will reveal our true selves if we pretend to be who we are not.

Faithfulness is seen in our perseverance and commitment. My life is an example. When others left the church, I stayed. Not because I was not tempted to leave, but because God had not led me to go. Faithfulness pushes us to complete the work that God has given to us. (1 Corinthians 4:2) We gain a lot of trust when we go to the finish line.

Humility acknowledges personal limitations and dependence on God. Proverbs 16:18 says, "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall." The sooner we recognize our frailty and limitations, the closer we will walk with God, learn from others, admit mistakes, and improve relationships with people, especially within the church.

From your perspective, what are the most crucial steps for the church to take to ensure a healthy and smooth transition to new leadership?

Leadership transitions take time and require intentional planning. It begins with the top leadership, particularly the senior pastor. We should not confuse a lifetime calling with a lifelong pastorate in a church. We should prepare the church so that every ministry, including the pastors, will have multiple generations of leaders.

Transitions should never come as a surprise. Identifying and developing the next team is essential. Not every leader is suitable for the church. There must be compatibility and acceptance by both leaders and members of one another.

A "trial period" can help refine the process. In our case, the incoming team of leaders were given more prominence and increasing responsibility. It is essential to gather

feedback through informal channels during this period. Once the team is good to go, the transition is formally communicated to leadership and then to the congregation.









As you step into retirement, what are your personal hopes for the church's continued journey under its new leadership?

It is my desire that the church will grow beyond any one leader. Eternal Life Assembly (EL) is on a strong trajectory for discipleship and outreach. We live in a VUCCA world with new challenges, but I'm confident the new leadership team will tackle these challenges and guide members to overcome obstacles and influence their world.

I am very positive about the Lead Pastors Team approach. While innovative in local churches, I believe this represents God's leading into a collaborative model of top leadership in the church.

EL has core values that make us unique and outstanding for Christ in our world. My prayer is that the team will grow stronger and synergize their strengths to forge EL forward, to be a church that serves nationally and across denominations with our her pastors availing themselves for the larger kingdom of God.