

WHEEL

*So I went down to the potter's house,
and there he was working at his wheel. (Jer 18:3)*

THE YEAR THE CHURCH STAYED HOME

The Church in Malaysia have had many unprecedented challenges in 2020 - the Covid19 pandemic, rising unemployment, global stoppage of travels, turbulence in both the economic and education sectors, the need to shift gear in the new era of digital transformation, churches experiencing drop in income and attendance, rise in suicide, and the end seems to be nowhere in sight.

Hindrances and hurdles were aplenty for the unprepared Church.

Both the country and Church lacked the experience to cope with the health emergency. New norms of social distancing, sanitising and masks wearing were initiated and instituted. Religious places of worship were not to congregate for prayers and worship, and the Church was not spared.

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But thankfully, our people were both intuitive and innovative, and adapted almost immediately. Zooming was the new form of fellowship. Online training and Bible studies were almost unhindered.

As the lockdown and movement control orders came into force, the Church knew that she should be a voice of calm and reassurance, affirming that God is with us.

There were several roles the church needed to play in such times:

- To give hope and combat fear with accurate information and encouragement through our faith;
- To keep the believers connected via social media and the different platforms;
- To “assemble” their members together for worship, Word and prayer via online services, and
- To show God’s compassion and care to those affected in our communities, remembering that those already most vulnerable will be most affected.

Yes, almost all of us faced a steeped learning curve to conduct online services, shepherd our people and getting them to give their tithes and offering. We fumbled and at times despaired thinking our churches may not survive the pandemic but we researched, learnt from one another and kept working at bringing church to our people.

And we did it! We more than survive!

We conducted evangelism and other training, Bible classes, Children’s Church, Youth meetings and camps online. Unchurched people were invited and “attended” our online services and activities and some were saved!

The Lord who has helped us in 2020 will continue to see us through as we stand on the edge of a new frontier of challenges in 2021.

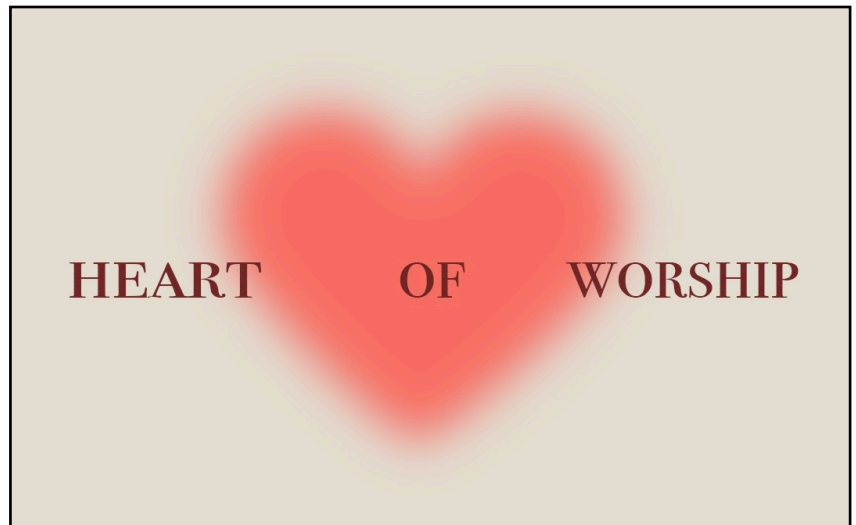
To God be the glory!

REV. DR. EU HONG SENG
Chairman

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HEART OF WORSHIP

Here we are in 2021, a lot has been said about the unusual year before this but one lasting truth for all of us; is the promises of our living God who is showing us again and again that HE IS OUR GREAT I AM and He alone deserves our worship.



Psalms 95:6-7 "Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand..."

I'm reminded of the lyrics, '...when all is stripped away... I bring you more than a song, I bring my heart of worship.' God is drawing all our churches to come to this place of worship, where every member; regardless mature or new believers, all of us are being drawn to a closer intimacy with Jesus. Yes, it has been an unusual ministry approach, but there is nothing unusual about how God is using HIS servants to reach deeper and wider for HIS KINGDOM this 2021 with a heart of worship.

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All of us at ECCM are thankful to GOD for leading and guiding our pastors and leaders with HIS SOVEREIGN authority. Our meetings via Zoom has been a great blessing to all. We want to thank you for your participation and sharing of the word and testimonies.

We want all pastors to be equipped and encouraged and no one should be doing ministry alone; if you know of any friends in ministry who are striving alone, please do encourage them to be a part of ECCM by registering as a member.

May God continue to bless you, your family and church. May God lead us all lead this 2021 as we are loaded with the promises of our GREAT I AM. I would like to end this note with a line from another song in my heart; **GOD IS BIGGER THAN THE AIR I BREATHE!**

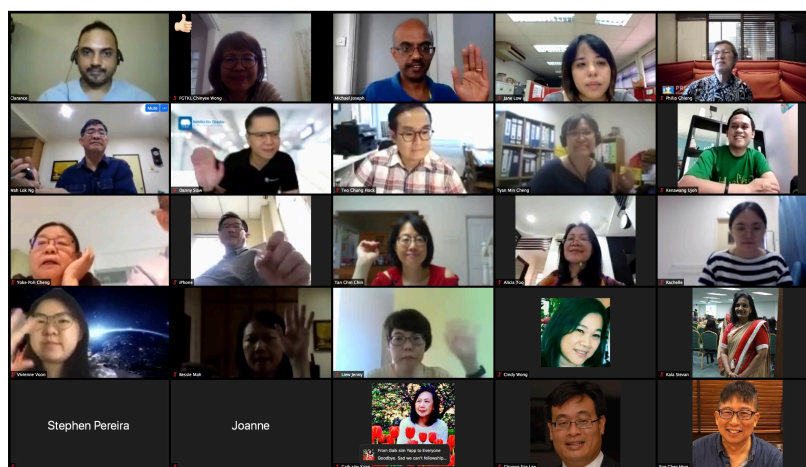
Serving together,

PR. JUSTIN SEGAR
Executive Pastor

ECCM MEETINGS IN 2020

All our meetings in 2020 was via ZOOM, on a positive note we were able to connect with all our members across the nation and it was a blessed time as we get to hear from our very own local anointed ministers sharing the word, testimonies and discussions.

On the 28th May, we gathered with the the theme **M.C.O (Moving Churches Onwards)**, our speakers and panelist included Pastors Eu Hong Seng, Ron Hee, Elisha Satvinder, Tay Wah Seng, Clarence and Teo Chung Hock. Every session was a fruitful time together especially at a time where MCO was at its full swing; the sharing helped and encouraged all of us to keep moving our churches forward in spite of the challenging circumstances. Pr Hock conducted a very practical workshop to help churches navigate the digital technology demands of recording and broadcasting our messages. A timely gathering, positioning all pastors to move forward in serving HIS KINGDOM.



Standing Together was our theme on 10th of September, Pastors Eu Hong Seng, Voon Yuen Woh and Justin Segar took up the sessions and it was at a time where churches were beginning to resume services in various capacity. The word that was shared during this season

was timely; reminding the church that we need to stand together especially as our nation faces various challenges due to the uncertainty of both the COVID- 19 and political situation. We were all reminded to stay and run the race and stand together in serving our Lord Jesus.



Nothing can stop the move of God and we are thankful to all ECCM members, we met for our year end Christmas gathering on 10th of December. The theme was **'Tis the season to lead;** I believe everyone was in full agreement that the church of Jesus Christ leads

the way and we as pastors and leaders need to do just that. The sharing by our pastors Eu Hong Seng, Tay Wah Seng and Albert Isaac was encouraging and brought great insight to us; positioning our churches to enter 2021 with faith and confidence in Christ.

Again we were reminded that ministry requires togetherness and no pastor should be alone leading the church. This is the aim of ECCM, our style and approach maybe different but more importantly our mission is to journey with Pastors and Leaders who are serving HIS KINGDOM, to fellowship, equip and encourage one another as we lead people to our Lord Jesus Christ.





We appreciate you, let's look out for more Pastors who can join ECCM membership and join our fellowship. We are looking forward to journey with you as we serve our Lord Jesus together. You are welcome to share your testimony/article that will be an encouragement to one another. Please do get in touch with us.

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