

A COMMON VISION AND MISSION TO ADVANCE THE GOSPEL

### *What is the Singapore Baptist Convention?*

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup>Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup>Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:42-47).

On 28th December, 1974, the Singapore Baptist Convention was established. The founding members were: Calvary, Cherith, Eternal Life, International, Kay Poh Road, Leng Kwang, Queenstown, Sembawang, Singapore, and Thomson Road, Changi and Jurong Baptist Chapel, in chronological order. A few months later, Grace Baptist Church was welcomed as a new member church of the Convention. Today, the member churches have increased to 37. This is a testimony of the faithfulness of God; and the faithful response of the Baptist community to come together in unity, in mutual encouragement, mutual partnership, and membership growth.

### *Advance the Gospel; Reach the Nations*

Among the many reasons, I believe the fundamental reason for calling member churches to come under the umbrella of the Singapore Baptist Convention, is to allow God to lead us forward in advancing the Gospel, and reach the nations. There is strength in numbers, especially in the believers, men and women, young and not so young, to pool our resources together to fulfil the Great Commission, as seen in the first century church in the book of Acts.

### *Unity in Diversity*

The member churches today comprise of many nationalities that works alongside the Singaporean churches. We have fellow believers from Myanmar (Judson, Karen, Kachin, and I'm looking forward to more), the Japanese, and there is certainly room for the Thais, Indonesians, and Indians.



The unity in diversity that makes up the Singapore Baptist Convention is a beautiful portrait of the Church. There is no place for competition, only complementation, for the Glory of God, and for the good of others.

### *Supporting One Another in Prayer and Participation*

We are part of something that is bigger. Yes, individual member churches have their priorities. But if we are to advance the Gospel and reach the nations, we need to come together in prayer and in participation. Individual member churches ought to take a serious view of prayer. Collectively, the 37 member churches ought to come together for fellowship and for partnership.

Let us exhort one another, let us challenge one another – pastors, lay leaders, individual church members: Unite our hearts and minds to care and share our lives for the betterment of the Singapore Baptist Convention, strengthening every member churches to be a formidable force in advancing the Gospel; reaching the nations!

Together, for the Gospel!

*Rev. Bobby Lee*

**Executive Director**

## Gospel Partnership

*Andrew Tjang, Mission Director*

*“In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,”*

*Philippians 1:4-5 (NIV)*

### SBC Myanmar Baptist Churches

Judson BC, Karen BC, and Kachin BC are member Churches under the Convention. God has called and placed them with our Baptist community for His purpose.

Our Myanmar brothers and sisters work in Singapore, and have brought their families here. Soon, they will return home to their families and relatives. Their pastors and leaders conduct home visits with a new perspective and vision: to bring the Gospel to their own people, and to those beyond their tribes.

Let us be encouraged by such mission-minded and passionate brothers and sisters, who are very much a part of our local Baptist community.

We can pray, visit these churches and look for possibilities to partner with our Myanmar brothers and sisters. Together, we can do more as partners for God's Kingdom.



Judson BC: Rev Saw Augustus



Karen BC: SP Lydia Po with Joseph (husband)



Kachin BC: Pr Gam Htun, Pr Lasi Hkawn Awng

### En Guang

It is a great encouragement to meet at least one new friend coming to our fellowship every week since the Chinese Reunion. One such friend has recently accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour and Lord.

Unfortunately, due to a busy schedule that has him working even on the weekends, we have not been able to see him for a while. Do partner with us by praying for this brother, Chang Jun Jian, in his walk in the Lord. You are most certainly welcome to join us for worship, and to fellowship with our fellow En Guang brothers and sisters.

