



ORCHARD ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN SINGAPORE

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

DATE: Sunday, 25 May 2025
TIME: 11.00 am to 12.30 pm
PLACE: ORPC Main Sanctuary

AGENDA

1 OPENING PRAYER

2 ANNUAL MODERATOR, CONGREGATIONAL and BOARD OF MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

To receive and adopt the following reports for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

- 2.1 Moderator's Report
- 2.2 The English Congregation Report
- 2.3 The Indonesian Congregation Report
- 2.4 Board of Management Report

3 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- 3.1 To receive and adopt the Church's Management Committee Reports and the Audited Financial Statements of the Church and Dunman's Trust, for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024, together with the Auditor's Reports thereon.
- 3.2 To re-appoint Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Auditor of the Church and Dunman's Trust; and to authorise the Board of Management of the Church to fix their remuneration.

4 UPDATE ON BUILDING A DISCIPLE-MAKING CHURCH (DMC)

5 CLOSING PRAYER

Yours in Christ,
Elder Alvin Ooi
Session Clerk

4 May 2025

Orchard Road Presbyterian Church
Notice of Extraordinary Congregational Meeting

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary Congregational Meeting of Orchard Road Presbyterian Church (the “**Church**”) will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, 25 May 2025 immediately following the morning and evening services, and the Indonesian Service for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolution:

1. That the Church adopts the Amendments to the Constitution as outlined in Appendix 1 tabled at the Extraordinary Congregational Meeting, and signed by the Session Clerk for the purpose of identification, as its Constitution, and the Session of the Church is hereby given the authority and responsibility to effect any subsequent changes to the aforesaid Constitution which may be required by any government authority, department or similar organisation (whether directly or through the Synod or English Presbytery).

Note 1: A copy of the proposed Amended Constitution is available to church members from the ushers, the Church General Office or via this link [Proposed Amended Constitution](#)

Note 2: In order to amend the Constitution, we require a quorum of 50% of the total number of active Communicant Members and approval by at least two-thirds of the Communicant Members present at the ECM. All Communicant Members are encouraged to attend the ECM so that we can meet the quorum to amend the Constitution.

Note 3: If you are unable to attend the ECM, please authorise another member as proxy to vote on your behalf. You may download a Proxy Form via this link [Proxy Form \(E\)](#) or collect a copy of the **blue Proxy Form** from the ushers or from Dunman Hall. Your proxy must bring the duly completed Proxy Form with him/her to the ECM for your vote to be counted. One member per proxy form.

By order of the Session of Orchard Road Presbyterian Church,

Elder Alvin Ooi

Session Clerk

4 May 2025

RESOLUTION 1A TO AMEND ORPC CONSTITUTION TO INCLUDE NEW ARTICLE 2.4

Background

The Synod Theological Review and Response Committee and the Synod Constitution Committee have set out the biblical principles on gender, sexuality, singlehood and marriage. These principles were accepted at the 2016 Synod AGM and have been approved by the Commissioner of Charities and the Registry of Societies for incorporation in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in Singapore and its Member Churches.

To ensure that all Member Churches are aligned on this issue, it was agreed at the Synod AGM that all Member Churches, including ORPC, will incorporate these provisions in their constitutions.

These provisions set out clearly ORPC's biblical position on sexuality, sexual conduct and marriage as well as protect the church by ensuring that all those in teaching and leadership functions uphold this biblical position as well.

None of these provisions negate our Christian response and pastoral care towards all those who struggle with LGBT tendencies. We had supported, and will continue to support, all those who come forward for help.

For any enquiries on support for those with LGBT tendencies, please approach the Pastoral Team.

Eld Alvin Ooi
Session Clerk
Orchard Road Presbyterian Church – The Presbyterian Church in Singapore
4 May 2025

RESOLUTION 1A TO AMEND ORPC CONSTITUTION BY INSERTING THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS AS ARTICLE 2.4 IN THE ORPC CONSTITUTION

The ORPC Constitution be amended by inserting the following provisions as Article 2.4 in the ORPC Constitution:

2.4 ORPC also declares as follows:

There has been increasing confusion and distortion of human sexuality in our society. As such, alternative lifestyles and sexual conduct that are contrary to Biblical teaching have been gradually gaining acceptance in our society and the Church must watch against the tolerance and acceptance of such practices within the Church. The Church, as instructed by Scriptures, uphold the following truths:

- (1) That humanity has been created in the image of God, as male and female, to the exclusion of all other (Genesis 1:26 - 28);
- (2) A substantive expression of the image of God is the marriage institution, defined clearly and uniquely as a lifelong monogamous and exclusive union between one man and one woman (Genesis 2:15-24);
- (3) That any form of sexual expression before and outside marriage is forbidden and is reckoned as sin (1 Corinthians 6:9-20);
- (4) That all Ministers and Preachers and those applying to be appointed as Ministers or Preachers must adhere to, practise and promote these biblical teachings on sexuality and marriage.
- (5) That Ministers and Preachers, together with their Session, shall ensure that all ministry leaders must adhere to, practise and promote these biblical teachings on sexuality, sexual conduct and marriage;
- (6) That Ministers and Preachers, together with their Session, shall exhort their congregants to adhere to and practise the biblical teaching on sexuality, sexual conduct and marriage as faithful witnesses of Christ.
- (7) That all forms of sexual misconduct dishonors God and should not be condoned but be dealt with through Church discipline at its respective levels.

[Note: The amendment in Resolution 1A, is to incorporate and give effect to the recommendation by Synod with regards to the issue of sexuality.]

RESOLUTION 1B TO AMEND ORPC CONSTITUTION BY AMENDING THE HEADINGS IN ARTICLE 2, ARTICLE 7.4 AND ARTICLES 8, 8.1 OF THE ORPC CONSTITUTION

Article 2 to insert 'AND ADHERENCE TO BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES' to read as:

2. STATEMENT OF FAITH AND ADHERENCE TO BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

Article 7.4 to insert "the Elders and Deacons Court also known as the" to read as:

The Office Bearers of ORPC – The Session and the Elders and Deacons Court also known as the Board of Management

Article 8 and Article 8.1 is consequentially amended to read as follows:

8. THE ELDERS AND DEACONS COURT also known as the BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

8.1 The Elders and Deacons Court shall function as the Board of Management and shall-

[Notes: Resolution 1B make amendments to headings to reflect the new articles. In respect of the amendment to the heading to Article 2, the amendment is to make reference to the insertion of the biblical principles as recommended by Synod. With respect to Articles 7.4, 8 and 8.1 the amendment makes reference to the Elders and Deacons Court in order to align it with the Synod's Model Constitution which continues to refer to the same. This is to continue to reflect our rich history in which the Elders and Deacons Court was always the name given to the Board of Management committee which included Elders and Deacons.]

RESOLUTION 1C TO REMOVE THE WORD “SERVING” IN ARTICLE 4.2 TO READ IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

ORPC shall appoint Representatives, who shall comprise the Senior Minister, ordained Ministers, Preachers, other Pastoral Staff and such number of ~~serving~~ Elders and/or Deacons which ORPC is entitled to appoint as set out in the Constitution and by-laws of PCS, to represent it at the general meetings of the relevant Presbytery and the Synod.”

[Note: The amendment in Resolution 1C, is to align this Article to the Synod Constitution which has removed the word ‘serving’. This will also expand the pool of Elders to be appointed as ORPC Representatives at the general meetings of Synod/Presbytery.]

RESOLUTION 1D TO AMEND ORPC CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW FOR VIRTUAL MEETINGS AND ELECTRONIC VOTING

1. INTRODUCTION

During COVID 19, the Government passed the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act to allow for virtual meetings so as to avoid physical or in-person meetings. When COVID-19 was under control, the Government repealed the Act with effect from 1 July 2023 and amended the Companies Act to allow companies to hold virtual meetings, but did not make similar amendments to the Charities Act or Societies Act. Hence, each charity has to amend its constitution to allow for virtual meetings.

The Synod amended its Constitution by defining the terms "meeting", "present" and "quorum" to mean being present in-person, or virtually, or a combination of in-person and virtual, and the term "vote" to include electronic votes. The mode of conducting a meeting will be decided by the organiser of the meeting. The amendment was passed by the delegates at the Synod AGM on 19 March 2024.

The Synod office has prepared templates based on the amendments made to its Constitution for member Churches to adopt in amending their Constitutions to allow for virtual meetings and electronic voting.

The Session has reviewed the template, received the prior approval of the Commissioner of Charities and has agreed to put forward the template amendments to members to approve. Hybrid or virtual meetings will help promote a spirit of unity and fellowship among congregants and build up church-life, including connecting with those who are homebound.

The Resolution to amend the Constitution is set out in Resolution 1D of this Appendix. Communicant Members are asked to approve this Resolution.

RESOLUTION 1D TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION BY ADDING NEW DEFINITIONS TO ALLOW FOR VIRTUAL MEETINGS

RESOLVED THAT Article 21 "Definitions" of the Constitution of Orchard Road Presbyterian Church – The Presbyterian Church in Singapore be amended by adding new definitions to the terms "meeting", "present" and "quorum" to allow for virtual meetings, and to the term "vote" to include electronic voting, as highlighted in **red print** below.

Article 21. **DEFINITIONS**

21.1 In this Constitution, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed, respectively, to them unless there is something in the subject or context inconsistent with such construction or unless it is therein otherwise expressly provided:

“adherents” means believers who have been regularly worshipping at ORPC but have yet to become members of ORPC;

“Church” means Orchard Road Presbyterian Church – The Presbyterian Church in Singapore;

“Day” means calendar day;

“Family” means a member and his spouse, any of his parents, any of his children or any of his siblings;

“meeting” (including its plural form) means as this word appears in whatever form or context in this Constitution, which includes ACM, ECM and Session meetings, means (i) an in-person meeting held at a physical place; or (ii) a hybrid meeting held at a physical place where, besides those attending in-person, others are allowed to attend and participate virtually using virtual meeting technology provided by the organiser of the meeting; or (iii) a virtual meeting using virtual meeting technology only; with the manner in which the meeting would be conducted decided by the organiser of the meeting and the decision notified in a written notice of meeting to those eligible to attend;

“member” means a person who is 16 years and above and who has been accepted as a member of ORPC in accordance with Articles 5.1 and 5.2;

“Minister” means a Preacher who has been ordained or licensed as a Minister by the relevant Presbytery of PCS, or a Minister who was ordained in another country and has been examined and accepted by PCS to serve as a Minister;

“PCS” means The Presbyterian Church in Singapore;

“Preacher” means a graduate of a recognised theological college who has been recognised as a Preacher by the relevant Presbytery of PCS or such person appointed by Session to its pastoral staff with the local title of “ Preacher”;

“Presbytery” means a court composed of the representatives of a group of Presbyterian Churches;

"present" means all those present, whether in person or virtually, at the relevant time of the meeting, with the identity of those attending virtually being ascertainable by the organiser of the meeting through the virtual meeting technology;

"quorum" means the minimum number of those present, whether in-person or virtually, required to formally commence a meeting;

“representatives” means those persons described in Article 4.2 appointed by ORPC to represent it at the general meetings of the Presbytery and the Synod;

“Session” means the highest governing body of ORPC comprising the Senior Minister, the ordained Ministers and Serving Elders; and

“Synod” means the highest assembly of PCS attended by all the representatives of the members of PCS.

"vote" includes electronic votes and **"voting"** includes voting by electronic means. Where voting at a meeting is allowed via electronic means, the electronic voting system that is used must be able to accurately count all votes cast at the meeting, be capable of providing records from which the operation of the electronic voting system may be audited and for the verification of the accuracy of the recording and counting of votes. Each vote that is cast must be verified by ORPC as cast by the member entitled to vote, and the chairman of the meeting must, during the meeting, declare, by electronic means, the result of any matter put to a vote at the meeting.

- 21.2 Words importing the singular shall include the plural, and words in the plural shall include the singular.
- 21.3 Words importing the masculine gender shall include the female, and words importing a person shall include a firm and corporation and vice-versa.

RESOLUTION 1E TO AMEND ORPC CONSTITUTION TO INCORPORATE VARIOUS NEW ARTICLES FOR CHARITIES UNDER THE CODE OF GOVERNANCE AND CHARITIES ACT.

Reference	Proposed Amendment	Rationale
CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS Article 6.13	<p><u>To insert sub-article in red</u></p> <p>In the event that there is no quorum at the commencement of a congregational meeting... If within half an hour from the time appointed for the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present, those members present shall be deemed to form a quorum and may transact the business for which the meeting was called except that such meetings shall not have the power to decide on matters concerning-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the appointment and re-appointment of the Senior Minister, ordained Ministers, Elders and Deacons and their respective periods of appointment; (ii) the non-renewal or termination of the service of the Senior Minister or any ordained Minister of ORPC; (iii) the removal of any Elder or Deacon; and (iv) any building renovation, church redevelopment, acquisition, purchase, sale, gift, borrowing, mortgage, fund raising, security for any debt, liability or obligation...; and (v) amendment of any part of the existing Constitution. 	<p>To include the standard clause for charities.</p>
THE SESSION 7.4 The Office Bearers of ORPC NEW	<p><u>To include a new article 7.4.8 to be read:</u></p> <p>Any changes to the Session and/or Board of Management shall be notified to the Commissioner of Charities within two (2) weeks of the change.</p>	<p>To ensure that the Commissioner of Charities is updated on the Charity's information as required under the Charities Act.</p>

<p>THE SESSION 7.8 Treasurer NEW</p>	<p><u>To include a new article 7.8.4 to be read as:</u></p> <p>The Treasurer shall not hold the same office for more than four (4) consecutive years. Re-appointment of the outgoing Treasurer may be considered after a lapse of at least two (2) years.</p>	<p>In accordance with the Code of Governance for Charities, it is recommended for board members holding the Treasurer position to have a maximum term of four (4) consecutive years, and where re- appointment to the Treasurer position may be considered after a lapse of at least two (2) years.</p>
<p>CORPORATE TREASURER NEW</p>	<p><u>To include a new article 15.3 to be read as:</u></p> <p>In accordance with section 4 of the Treasurer of the Presbyterian Church in Singapore Ordinance, 1899, the appointment and removal of a trustee who is for the time being the Corporate Treasurer of ORPC and in whom the immovable properties of ORPC are vested, shall only be made by the Session of ORPC. Any appointment or removal of a trustee which is not in compliance with the said section 4 shall be invalid. All appointments or removal of a trustee shall be duly notified by the Session of ORPC to the Commissioner of Charities.</p> <p>ORPC shall provide the Commissioner of Charities with the current list of immovable properties (including the relevant addresses of such properties), and any subsequent change, vested in the trustee who is the duly appointed Corporate Treasurer of ORPC under the Treasurer of the Presbyterian Church in Singapore Ordinance, 1899.</p>	<p>To provide clarity, and to ensure the Commissioner of Charities is notified regarding changes in particulars of the Charity as required under the Charities Act.</p>

ORPC English Congregation

CANDIDATE PROFILES FOR ELECTION OF ELDERS FOR THE 3-YEAR TERM FROM 1 JULY 2025 TO 30 JUN 2028



For Eldership (2nd Term):

Elder Neo Kian Hong has been an ORPC member since 1991 (by baptism). He has completed his first term as an elder serving as Convenor in Pastoral and Leadership Development and Christian Education. Previously, he had also served in various ministries, like the Sunday school, youth ministry, usher team leader and Deacon in Christian Education and Congregation Care. Kian Hong is married to Jane and they have three sons Seh Woon, Seh Hian and Samuel Seh Jin.



For Eldership (1st Term):

Deacon Debbie Seah has been a member of ORPC since she got baptized at 19 years of age. She has been a deacon in the past 6 years and is currently serving in the Leaders' Equipping Ministry, Investment Committee and the A&A Offsite Logistics Committee. She is a Co-Leader in the DG, ARC. She is married to Edmund Siah and their children are Ryan & Caitlin.

PRESBYTERIAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS — P1 PHASE 2B REGISTRATION

ORPC members who wish to register their children in Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Primary School (Bishan) or Pei Hwa Presbyterian Primary School (Bukit Timah) at Phase 2B for admission to Primary One in January 2026 are to **request for the Letter of Eligibility ("Form B")**, **before Monday, 5 May 2025**, from the church office via email to orpcenglish@orpc.org.sg stating (a) full names of both parents of the child, (b) at least one contact number, (c) which ministry in ORPC that parent(s) is/are serving and (d) from when the parent(s) has/have been serving.

The eligibility for *priority* in P1 registration under Phase 2B is guided by the following conditions:

1. Child is either a Singapore Citizen or a Singapore Permanent Resident.
2. At least one parent being an active communicant member of ORPC. An 'active communicant member' here refers to a baptised church member who has volunteered at least one year of service to ORPC i.e. has been serving on or before 1 June 2024.
3. If the number of applicants exceed the number of vacancies in the school, places will be balloted according to the following order of priority:
 - a) Singapore Citizens will be given priority over Singapore Permanent Residents, before home-school distance is considered.
 - b) Children living within 1km of the school.
 - c) Children living between 1km and 2km of the school.
 - d) Children living outside 2km of the school.

Applicants may check the home-school distance via this link:
<https://www.onemap.gov.sg/#/SchoolQueryInfo>

- **Parents are to submit hardcopies of the following to the church office, latest, by Monday, 5 May 2025:**
 - i. 'Letter of Eligibility' ("Form B") with Section A completed;
 - ii. Photocopy of Child's birth certificate/Citizenship certificate/PR document;
 - iii. Photocopy of both parents' NRIC
 - iv. Photocopy of Child's immunisation certificate.
- The Letter of Eligibility issued by the Church gives the applicant priority in registration in an earlier Phase, namely Phase 2B, but does not guarantee a place in the school.
- Refer to MOE's website for important information e.g.
<https://www.moe.gov.sg/primary/p1-registration>
<https://www.moe.gov.sg/primary/p1-registration/how-to-register>
- **Important:** Parents will still need to complete an online registration (MOE's) under Phase 2B national registration exercise in July 2025. Do watch out for MOE's registration dates and the documents that would be required.

ORPC Birthday Ministry

BRINGING JOY AND COMPASSION TO SENIORS

Birthday celebration at Sarah Active Aging Centre (Bukit Merah)
on 23 May 2025 (Friday), 9 - 11:30am



Join us in celebrating their birthdays
through singing, games, conversation and
birthday cheer by signing up at
<https://bit.ly/sarahMay25> or scanning QR
code





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05.07.25 —

SATURDAY, 7:30 PM | 3 ORCHARD ROAD

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SIOW YEW NAM
MICHELLE SEAH
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*An intimate recital featuring
works by Bach, Shostakovich,
Sarasate, and more.*



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Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. - 2 Corinthians 9:7

PLEDGE FORM

for the ORPC Building Alterations and Additions (A&A) Project Fund, launched in May 2024



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What is a pledge?

A pledge is a confidential, written promise to give money (whether a one-off sum or installments over a period of time) to the A&A project fund in the future. It is a commitment made in faith in accordance with the resources that God has given us. A pledge is not a legally binding contract, and can be reviewed and changed as circumstances evolve.

Why pledge?

Your pledge enables the A&A committee to plan its finances for the A&A project fund effectively, and to determine the financial commitment we are able to undertake for the entire rebuilding works ahead of time. We hope that through pledging, congregation members will build a culture of giving to the project based on our pre-committed goals.

I/We pledge our support for the A&A Project Fund of Orchard Road Presbyterian Church (ORPC)

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Congregation: _____

Member of Congregation: Yes ☐ No ☐

I/We pledge to give the Church's A&A Project Fund a one-off giving or by regular giving over a period of time or a combination of the two.

Pledge for one-off giving: Amount: \$_____

On the date: _____

Pledge for regular giving: Amount: \$_____ monthly/quarterly/half-yearly (circle one)

Starting the _____ (day) of _____ (month) _____ (year) for _____ months (maximum of 24 months from the commencement date of the fund-raising efforts in Aug 2024)

The A&A Fund Raising Committee will be approaching individuals or groups who are donating SGD\$100,000 and above to discuss your contribution.

Please send in your pledge early so we can plan our finances more effectively. Thank you.

You will find below a QR code for donations to the AA Project, **please input your unique pledge ref no (which will be given in the pledge acknowledgement letter) in the reference field when you make your transfer**, in order to facilitate a seamless process for our finance operations staff.



Personal Data Protection –

By signing on this Form,

1. I consent to the collection, use and disclosure of my personal data by ORPC for purposes of my participation in pledging of funds towards the Church Building Re-development Project. I acknowledge that my personal data may be disclosed to third parties engaged in the organization and hosting of this A&A Project.
2. ORPC will limit the personal data disclosed to the third parties to that which is necessary and will remind the third parties not to process, use, disclose and retain your personal data beyond the purpose for which it is required by the third party.

For Non-Members:

I/We confirm that this Pledge and Donation is our free-will offering and not solicited by Orchard Road Presbyterian Church (ORPC)

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Thank you for your commitment to contributing to the A&A Project Fund.

Let's build the Lord's house, our legacy of faith together

Notes:

- This Form can be placed in the Sunday offering box; scanned and emailed to aafundraising@orpc.org.sg; or handed/mailed it to the Church at "Orchard Road Presbyterian Church, No. 3 Orchard Road, Singapore 238825 for the Attention of the Fund Raising Committee"
- This Pledge Form is for use only by members and regular worshippers at Orchard Road Presbyterian Church
- If you need any help completing this Form, please contact any of the Church Leaders