

THE CHURCH - MY HOME

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: BIBLICAL COMMAND OR HUMAN TRADITION?

When church ministries and operations face disruption and worship services feel different, fundamental questions emerge: Is belonging to a local church a Biblical command or merely human tradition? How do we distinguish between Biblical mandates and wise human arrangements? Does it matter whether I attend the same church regularly?

These are not abstract theological debates but vital questions that shape how we live out our faith as a community of believers.

In our next two SoCM classes, we shall examine key questions that affect every ORPC member.

3 August 2025 Solid Foundations

Explore the essential elements of a healthy church, discover what it means to be "Presbyterian," and embrace our vision as a Disciple-Making Church.

28 September 2025 True Belonging

Discuss the Biblical basis for church membership, its true meaning, and the privileges and responsibilities that come with covenant belonging.

3 AUG & 28 SEP 2025
11 AM TO 12.15 PM @ THE CHAPEL

Conducted by Rev. Dr. Clive Chin

Latest updates on ORPC Alteration & Additions (A&A) Project

July 2025

Building a Disciple Making Church
Our Legacy of Faith for Future Generations

1. Changes to Worship Service

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation during this period of change.

E-bulletins: Since early July, we have been using only e-bulletins and will continue with this digital format to support a smooth adjustment for all attendees. This digital-only format will remain our standard throughout our time at Suntec over the next two years.

E-offerings: We encourage all worshippers to move to e-offerings as we will no longer be able to support cash offerings once we move to Suntec due to security and logistical constraints.

Communion service: Coming August, communion service will shift from Week 2 to Week 1. Holy Communion will be conducted on the same Sunday for all three congregations to allow for streamlining of logistics at Suntec.

2. Off-site Locations

Office for ORPC staff - Our big office move to YWCA has been completed!



Here are some photos of our new office environment:



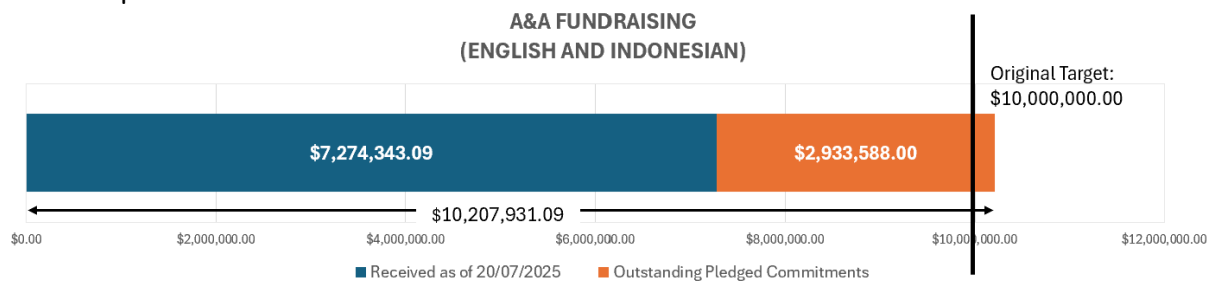
Suntec Worship Location - We're pleased to confirm the worship service timings at Suntec:

- 9:00am – ORPC English (AM Service)
- 11:30am – Providence Presbyterian Church
- 2:30pm – ORPC Indonesian
- 5.30pm – ORPC English (PM Service) ← *Please note the updated timing.*

All service timings remain the same except for the English PM Service, which is now scheduled for 5:30pm.


3. Fundraising Recap and Updates

Latest update:



Our fundraising progress is published weekly in the church bulletin. You can refer to our weekly digital bulletin for the most current updates.

A&A Bank Account - You may now make your contributions via this following options:

Bank Transfer	PayNow/PayLah	Cheque/ Cashier's Order
Bank: UOB Singapore SWIFT Code: UOVBSGSG Account Name: Orchard Road Presbyterian Church – A&A Project Account No: 773-347-101-1	UEN No: S90CC0750JAA1 Payee Name: Orchard Road Presbyterian Church – A&A Project QR Code: 	Payee Name: Orchard Road Presbyterian Church – A&A Project Mailing Address: 3 Orchard Road, Singapore 238825

We thank God who has provided us with the funding to hit our initial \$10 million target through actual and pledged donations. While the plan is for the remainder of \$13 million to be funded by our existing reserves, raising more than \$10 million will help us to offset potential unexpected expenses and reduce the draw-down effect on our reserves.

We are grateful to the various discipleship groups (DGs) and ministries who have supported past fundraising events:

- **6-7 June: Children's Sleepover + Family Craft**

A programme for the children to experience the ORPC building through a sleep-over and special craft programme for the whole family



- **5 July: Songs of Renewal Concert**

An intimate classical string recital featuring world renowned Singaporean violinist Siow Lee Chin and friends



- **12 July: Congregation Fair**

A day of food, games, beverages, shopping, and music, and a live auction!



- **26 July: Art for A&A**

An afternoon of 2 Art workshops led by passionate artists, each offering a unique, hands-on experience of sketching and watercolour painting

4. Technical Updates

The MDT (Messrs Formwerkz Architects LLP) is now in the process of making submissions of our development plan to the various authorities and holding discussions with them as to the changes that need to be made. They have also completed the pre-qualification process for potential contractors and are calling for main contractor tender submissions.

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