

Latest updates on ORPC Alteration & Additions (A&A) Project December 2024

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1. Confirmation of Off-site Worship and Office Locations

After site visits to various locations around Singapore, the A&A logistics team has confirmed **Suntec Convention Centre** as our off-site venue for worship services during the rebuilding works. Here are more details of the actual locations:

Worship: Suntec Convention Centre, Main Hall, Rooms 308-311 Children's Ministry: Rooms 300, 301, 302

The church office will be located separately from the worship venue, at YWCA Outram, together with Gereja Presbyterian Orchard (GPO), our Indonesian congregation, as well as PPC admin/pastoral offices.

Both arrangements are firm, and are pending finalisation of contracts.

2. A&A Move-out Dates

We will be officially moving out of the church building **2nd week of October 2025**, to avoid the F1 activities in the week prior. Here are some other key milestones which we would like you to be prepared for:

In **June 2025**, our pastoral and admin staff will be making the move to YWCA ahead of the congregation's shift to Suntec Convention Centre in October 2025.

From **July 2025**, the office at YWCA Outram will be fully operational. We will also commence pre-move familiarisation activities including adopting the new off-site worship format which will be fully-electronic. (More details on this are provided in the next section). Discipleship group and fellowship meetings will also be moved offsite with meetings in homes highly encouraged. Music ministry sessions i.e. Choir practice, will be held at YWCA.

3. Key Adjustments in 2025

As we undertake this big move as a united family, we hope that congregation members can continue to support each other through the transition as there will be big changes ahead of us before the actual move, to get everyone ready for the new venue and worship format.



Children's Ministry

- Starting **January 2025**, the Children's Ministry will be re-structured to a 3 room format, providing a longer transition time for our children, and to allow for fine tuning before the actual move
- Safety measures for the children in Suntec are currently being planned and will be introduced gradually
- More details will be given to parents on **29 December 2024** at the Family Worship session

Worship

- At the new venue, Sunday Worship will be fully electronic with no hard copy bulletins and fully electronic giving of tithes and offerings, to minimise logistical and administrative efforts given the separate worship and office off-site venues
- The service will take place in one big hall, with no cry rooms provided for young babies and families. We hope that through this new arrangement, we create greater awareness and understanding toward families with young infants, and learn to worship together in one space
- During our time at the off-site venue, there will be black out Sundays due to large scale events that will involve the whole of Suntec Convention Centre this means we will not hold physical services and do livestream sessions instead

Communications

- We will be refreshing our church website and launching a church management portal in 2025 so that congregation members have a central place for information as we go through this transition
- We will be activating some official communication channels to keep everyone engaged on the move, and will be updating you soon
- Starting **first half of 2025**, we will be creating engagement forums for the people to interact, receive information and provide feedback throughout the process of the A&A

Moving Out as One Church

- We are 3 congregations and 2 churches, and have been operating autonomously. Moving forward, we need to learn to operate as 1 church before we move out. May this be an opportunity for us to know one another across congregations and churches, and be more united as a result.