

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

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

In August, we shared a big milestone for our A&A project - the official launch of our fund-raising activity, and the opening of the bank account. The details can now be found on the pews and pledge forms are available online: <https://bit.ly/ORPCpledge>. If you require physical copies, they can be collected from the ushers.

At the ECM on 21 January 2024, the congregation of ORPC granted a **new mandate to the session to begin the process of A&A works, which included the appointment of a Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) for the design and management of the A&A project.**

In this update, we share the latest on this process.

1. Appointment of Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) for design and management of the A&A project:

We have successfully conducted a design competition in June 2024 to get the best ideas for the ORPC site. All five architect firms invited to participate have submitted their proposal as of 28 June 2024.

An 11-member jury panel consisting of Pastoral staff, leaders of ORPC and PPC, and members of the A&A Technical Team have evaluated the various proposals and forwarded their findings to the Session for a final decision.

The evaluation process focused on the following 5 main areas:

1. Experience and responsiveness of the MDT team in handling a project of our complexity, scale and size
2. Design approach to meeting our need for more space/meeting rooms
3. Design compatibility with the Sanctuary Building and surrounding areas
4. Potential for future expansion
5. Cost effectiveness

A presentation by the leading MDT was held for leaders of both ORPC and PPC on 6 August, 2024, where attendees were able to interact and clarify questions with the MDT team members. Following this meeting, a special Session meeting was held on 21 August, 2024, and we are pleased to inform that Session has approved the

appointment of Messrs Formwerkz Architects LLP to undertake the full design and management of the project, including making the necessary submissions to the relevant authorities for the A&A project.

This MDT is currently working on conservation and rejuvenation projects in Singapore such as Clarke Quay (2024), the Malay Heritage Centre (2025) and the current rejuvenation of NAFA (2026), and has previously undertaken technically challenging sites around the Dhoby Ghaut area such as the Cathay Building (2006) and The Luxe at Handy Road (2007). In addition, they have a track record of working on more than 20 places of worship in Singapore including Spiritual Grace Presbyterian Church, Novena Church, and Ang Mo Kio Methodist Church.

In addition to their track record, the evaluation team believes that their proposal best meets the church's needs and requirements based on the five criteria listed above. Further details to the site plan will be developed with Messrs Formwerkz Architects LLP, after the necessary technical studies and consultation work have been conducted.

Here is an artist impression of the design of ORPC, by Messrs Formwerkz Architects LLP:



2. A&A Fund Raising:

We thank God for the support from the congregation towards the fund raising effort. Weekly updates on the progress will continue to be provided for your information. We continue to seek your prayerful support towards this project and also to help us in our cash-flow planning by submitting your pledge forms (<https://bit.ly/ORPCpledge>) to us.