

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Dear Hope PC members

NOTICE OF 17TH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 2021

Notice is hereby given that Hope PC Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) will be held by way of **electronic means** on **Sunday, 23 May 2021 at 2.00 pm** to transact the following business:

AGENDA

Chairman: Elder Joshua Lee Wern-Chian

1. Roll Call and Quorum – Elder David Seow
2. Opening Prayer – Rev Tan Cheng Huat, Interim Moderator
3. Confirmation of Minutes of 16th ACM held on 19 July 2020 (Appendix A)
4. To adopt 2020 Ministry Reports (Appendix B)
5. To approve 2020 Audited Report (Financial Statements) (Appendix C)
6. To appoint Lo Hock Ling & Co, CPA as auditors for Financial Year 2021.
7. Election of Officers to the Elders and Deacons Court (details in following page)
 - Election of Elder: Peter Chuang Leh Chu
 - Re-election of Elder: David Seow Keng Seng
 - Election of Deacon: Lyndis Kang Chui Hsia
 - Re-election of Deacon: Joshua Lee Shaowen
8. Closing Prayer

Due to the prevailing COVID-19 restriction orders and the practical difficulties of conducting both physical and hybrid meeting, Hope PC EDC has voted to conduct the upcoming ACM via virtual means.

The Government has gazetted [the COVID-19 \(Temporary Measures\) \(Alternative Arrangements for Meetings for Charities, Co-operative Societies and Mutual Benefit Organisations\) Order 2020](#) and made provisions for the conduct of the meeting by electronic means.

This means that members of HPC may participate in the ACM by:

- observing the ACM proceedings via “live” audio-and-visual Zoom meeting¹ via their mobile phones, tablets or computers;
- submitting questions in advance of the ACM, and
- appointing the Chairman of the ACM as proxy to attend, speak and vote on their behalf at the ACM.

¹ The Zoom meeting details will be sent out closer to the ACM.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

| In past ACMs: | In this year's ACM (differences in bold): |
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| <p>Before the meeting,</p> <p>The notice of meeting, agenda, annual report and resolutions are distributed to members beforehand via email / hard copy.</p> <p>Members are given the opportunity to raise relevant questions in writing before the meeting.</p> | <p>Before the meeting,</p> <p>The notice of meeting, agenda, annual report and resolutions are distributed to members beforehand only through email.</p> <p>Members are given the opportunity to raise relevant questions in writing before the meeting.</p> <p>Questions which are relevant to the business of the ACM will be answered before the member votes for the resolutions.</p> <p>Members will vote using the proxy form made available to them before the meeting.</p> |
| <p>During the meeting,</p> <p>Resolutions are presented along with a summary of the financial segment of the annual report,</p> <p>Questions may be raised and answered, and</p> <p>Voting on the resolutions are conducted.</p> <p>Quorum is determined by physical presence at the meeting.</p> | <p>During the meeting,</p> <p>Resolutions are presented along with a summary of the financial segment of the annual report,</p> <p>Questions may not be raised at the meeting. Substantial and relevant questions raised before the meeting may be presented.</p> <p>Voting on the resolutions will be conducted based on the proxy forms received by the deadline. There will be no electronic voting at the meeting.</p> <p>Quorum is determined by proxy forms submitted and by attendance at the "live" Zoom meeting.</p> |

Does the Church need to obtain members' agreement to conduct virtual ACM since the prescribed alternative arrangements differ from our Constitution?

- No. The ACM may be held online under the *COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Alternative Arrangements for Meetings for Charities, Co-operative Societies and Mutual Benefit Organisations) Order 2020 (the "Alternative Arrangements Order")* gazetted by the Singapore government.

Will members be allowed to vote online during ACM?

- No. Members will not be able to vote online on the resolutions as our Church's Constitution currently does not allow for online voting.

How do members vote for the resolutions?

- Members must appoint the Chairman of the ACM in advance as their proxy to vote on their behalf at the ACM. Members must give specific instructions as to voting, or abstentions from voting, in respect of a resolution in the proxy form, failing which the vote will be treated as invalid. Further details are provided in the proxy form.

How can members who cannot understand the financial report, unless it is explained to them, vote accordingly?

- The financial report is attached herein (Appendix C). If you have any questions before voting closes on **Sunday, 16 May 2021**, please email the church office (admin@hopepc.net) by Sunday 9 May 2021, so that we can answer your queries.
- The Church's financial accounts have been audited independently by the external Auditor whom members have appointed at the previous ACM.
- To help all members understand the financial accounts, the Treasurer will present a summary of the financial report during the ACM.

Will members be allowed to ask questions online during ACM?

- As the intention is to have a smooth ACM meeting virtually, we are requesting for church members not to ask questions "live" during the Zoom meeting of the ACM.
- Instead, members may submit questions relating to the resolutions of the ACM by email to the Church office (admin@hopepc.net) by **Sunday, 9 May 2021**. Relevant questions will be answered at the ACM.
- In view of the current COVID-19 situation and the related safe distancing measures which may make it difficult to submit questions by post, members are strongly encouraged to submit their questions via email.

How is the attendance counted for the ACM?

- Under the Alternative Arrangements Order, a member is deemed to be present at the ACM (and therefore counted towards the quorum) if the member is electronically present at the ACM or has appointed the Chairman of the meeting as the member's proxy whether or not he/she attends the virtual ACM.

What happens if we do not have quorum at the time of the ACM?

- If we do not have quorum by the time of the virtual ACM, the ACM shall be adjourned to a later date as allowed for in our Constitution.

How will members' questions be answered?

- The Church will endeavour to answer all substantial and relevant questions via email prior to, or at the virtual ACM.

What happens if a technical problem prevents the Church's virtual ACM from proceeding?

- If this happens, the Church may postpone the ACM and conduct the virtual ACM when the technical problem has been resolved.

On behalf of the Elders & Deacons Court



Rev Tan Cheng Huat
Acting Chairman, EDC



Elder Joshua Lee Wern-Chian
EDC Clerk

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Nomination for Elders & Deacons 2021

The following persons will be standing for election and re-election as Elders and Deacons for the term 2021-2024. Here is a brief introduction for our members' prayerful consideration as we prepare for the upcoming ACM on 23 May 2021.

ELECTION AS ELDER



Peter Chuang Leh Chu served with the HPC's EDC as an elder for a number of terms before he last stepped down in 2014. In the past 7-8 years, by God's mercy, it has been a journey of emotional and spiritual healings from the loss of his 2nd daughter, Jessica. God who is sovereign, faithful, righteous and merciful, personified in the suffering and triumphant Son Jesus, through the living word and the Spirit of comfort, provides the flowing stream of eternal hope to sustain and nourish, whenever the pain is felt. When the church's need is felt, with trepidation on one hand and loving support of Murni on the other, Peter is compelled (by Christ's love) to obey to return to active service for another term. In the last 5-6 years, Peter has been serving in the HPC community on a short to mid-term basis, largely in various care and outreach opportunities. Peter is semi-retired. He takes on projects from time-to-time pertaining to project management and consulting in the IT oriented commercial space.

In his spare time, Peter enjoys meeting up with friends and acquaintance. He likes non-fiction reading and also enjoys sports such as swimming and golf. Taking walks/hiking with Murni, learning and practice Taijiquan and table tennis are their common pastime, besides enjoying a cuppa and good food.

RE-ELECTION AS ELDER



David Seow Keng Seng joined HPC in 2000 and served in the WMC ministry. He joined EDC in 2011 as a deacon for 2 terms, heading the WMC ministry and also served as Treasurer. The Lord led him to return to serve as Elder in 2018 even though he has never felt adequate enough to be an Elder, lacking in so many areas. It is a continuous learning journey and a privilege to serve. It is with this that David has decided to stand for another term as HPC faces an important milestone to vote for integration with KPC in 2022. Even as David studies the book of Genesis with BSF, it reminded him that God uses ordinary people like himself to accomplish his purposes.

David is an accountant by training and works with a US multinational company. He tries to eat a balanced diet with occasional indulgences. David enjoys a weekly brisk walk around Bedok Reservoir with Shirley and looks forward to his weekend bike ride to de-stress, sometimes alone and sometimes with the Cycletoons, his HPC's biking kakis.

ELECTION AS DEACON



Lyndis Kang Chui Hsia became a Christian when her relatives brought her to Sunday School as a child. She was baptised at age 17 and has served in church music and Sunday School ministries since her teens.

She has been an active member of HPC and the Ephesians 5:8 CG since 2007. She is happily married to Elder Joshua Lee, and their daughters, Kate and Beth, are 13 and 10 respectively.

She is an economist by training but loves most to write and journal. She works as a public servant in a Statutory Board and enjoys going for nature walks in her spare time. Lyndis reads through the whole Bible once every two years via a daily reading plan and enjoys reading good fiction and Christian books.

RE-ELECTION AS DEACON



Joshua Lee Shaowen is standing for a second term as deacon of Hope Presbyterian Church (HPC). During his first term, he was part of the Exploring Togetherness Task Force (ETTF) with Katong Presbyterian Church (KPC) – a committee that provides oversight into long term collaboration projects between HPC and KPC. He planned various initiatives with KPC such as the combined church camp and family day. He brought various ground up ministry initiatives to EDC's attention such as the Thursday night dinners with the Homeless and the Ukelele Outreach. Joshua believes passionately that ministry extends beyond the four walls of the Church; he serves as an advisory physician for Serving In Mission (SIM), providing medical advice to missionaries entering the field.

Joshua is a doctor by profession and sees his contribution to Tan Tock Seng Hospital as an opportunity for mission and outreach. Joshua helped to transit the Church online during the COVID pandemic and feels led by God to explore the possibilities of an "online Church" in his second term as deacon. He also hopes to facilitate closer collaboration with KPC. He is married to Amanda Chong who is currently expecting their first child.