



June 2021

Dear Fellow Wesleyans and Friends,

Greetings in the name of Christ, our Lord and Saviour! May God's peace be with you and your family.

As we approach Pledge Sunday, please join us in giving thanks to our Heavenly Father for His wonderful blessings upon our church. We would also like to thank you for your faithful giving the past year despite it being a difficult one for many who have been impacted by the economic downturn because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Because of God's faithful provision and your generosity, we were able to be equipped for the safe conduct and live-stream of weekly services; continue our programmes to nurture our congregation; bless people, churches and organisations in need; and continue our missions work and endeavours to bring aid to our missions partners and further the gospel in the nations. I wish to assure you that your generous giving has been a blessing in ways we do not see as God's kingdom is being advanced for His glory even in this pandemic.

I pray you will continue to have the same spirit of willing and earnest generosity this coming Pledge Sunday. 2 Corinthians 8:7 calls us to excel in the grace of giving.

What is this grace of giving?

It is first to give out of humble gratitude to a generous and gracious God who has been so faithful to us. Let us reflect on the love and blessings our faithful God has shown us as we consider next year's pledge. Let us be cheerful givers (2 Cor 9:7) because it is with joy and thanksgiving that we willingly commit to give through pledging in order that God's kingdom may be expanded and many more will come to know and experience the generosity of God's grace.

The grace of giving is also to give in surrender to the Giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6 declares that whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly, but whoever sows generously will also reap generously. We sow in surrender to the One who gives the harvest. By faith, we know that God multiplies our faithful and committed giving through a harvest of the extension of His kingdom.

Let me encourage you to seek the Lord for what would be your pledge to Him. The times ahead may be uncertain, but let our giving be a faith-stretching exercise as we continue to trust in Him to provide. 2 Corinthians 8:12 tells us if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what we have, and not what we do not have. To those who do not have, God sees our hearts. But to those who have, let's be a blessing with our generosity. By God's grace, let's make it a faith-stretching one.

For those of us who have yet to pledge, we pray you will consider doing so as this is a spiritual discipline which expresses a commitment to give as long as we are blessed to do so. It is also a powerful expression of our obedience to share our blessings with others who are in need through the ministry of the church.

Let us excel in the grace of giving and may our generosity result in thanksgiving to God (2 Cor 9:11).

Here is an update in thanksgiving to how God has provided for us the past year and our budget for the new Financial Year ("FY") for your prayers for faithful stewardship of the church.

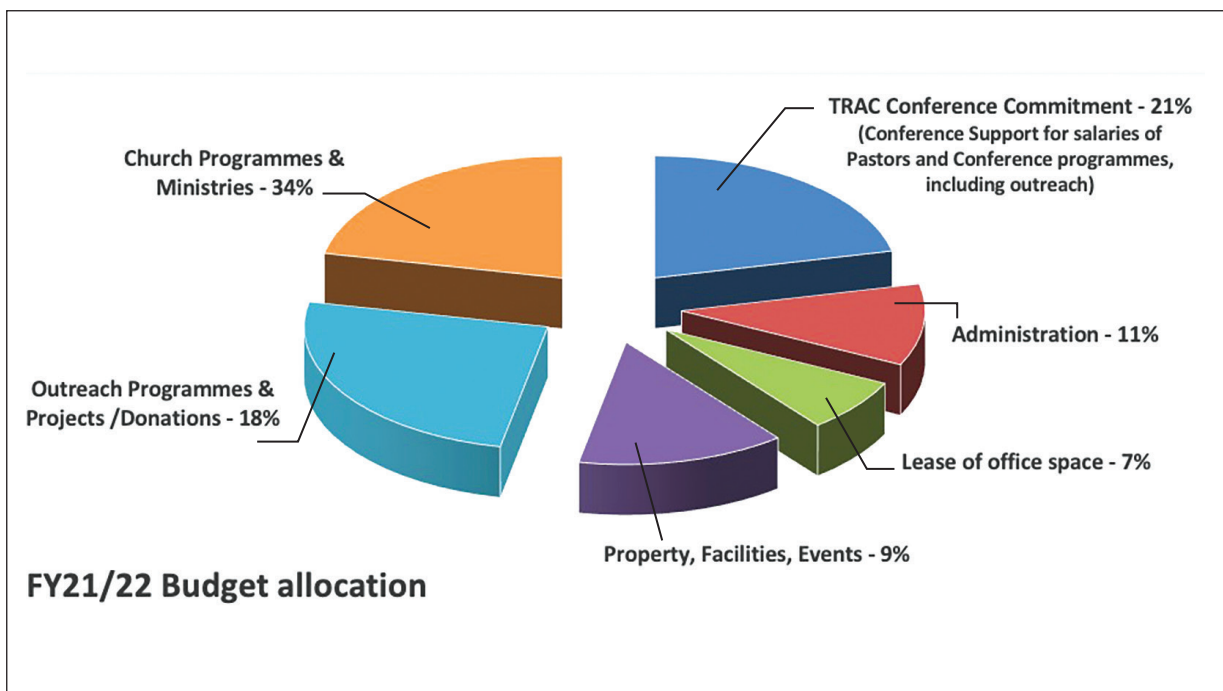
For FY ending 31 July 2020 the church has recorded a surplus of \$1.7m. Though Tithes and Offerings have fallen by \$159k or 1% compared to the year before, we see Donations increased by \$732k or 409%. The Singapore Government Support through the Covid-19 Job Support Scheme and Employment Credits total \$592k helped much. While costs for ministry programmes have gone down because they were either curtailed or shifted online since the Circuit Breaker period, live-streaming and recording costs for services have gone up.

The forecasted expenditure for financial year ending 31 July 2021 is \$15m, 6% lower than budget. This is largely due to the cancellation of activities when Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) was implemented.

### **Budget for FY Ending 31 July 2022 (FY22)**

Amid the Covid-19 pandemic, operating expenditure is budgeted at \$17.7m, 12% higher than the current year's budget. The main reason for the increase is because of the projected resumption of programmes and activities for ministry and outreach. Please pray with us that this will happen.

Based on the projected income of about \$17.5m, we are looking at a deficit of about \$200k. The church will remain prudent by spending on the essential and invest in the work for God's kingdom.



To facilitate your pledge response, click on this link <https://wesleymc.org/mypledge> to launch the e-Pledge form. Should you need any assistance, please contact our Pledge Officer, Cynthia Peh at 6837-9230 or drop us a note at [pledge@wesleymc.org](mailto:pledge@wesleymc.org). Alternatively, you may fill up the tearaway slip and mail it back to the church office.

Please indicate your preferred mode of giving, either by electronic platform (Internet Banking or PayNow) or by pledge envelope, which we will mail it to you.

During our Pledge weekend online worship services on 3 July and 4 July 2021, we will be dedicating our pledges to the Lord.

Serving Christ Together,



**Rev Raymond Fong**  
Pastor-in-Charge



**Mr Benjamin Kan**  
Chairperson, Finance Committee

**Attn: Finance Ministry – Pledge Response**  
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Please mail the Pledge Response form to the address above.

## My Pledge to God

(August 2021 to July 2022)

In Gratitude for God's blessings and in recognition of my stewardship, I promise to give,

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  Per Week       Per Month       Per Year  
by  Internet Banking       PayNow       Envelope  
for the ongoing work and ministry during the church year.

Name (As in NRIC/Fin): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Combined Pledge with Spouse

Membership       Member       Non-Member

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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