



Date: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Bishop's Circular 06/2022

Dear All,

A Blessed Trinity Season to you all!

## 1.0 Clergy & Diaconess Retreat 2022 (Attendance and Participation is Compulsory)

- 1.1 The Clergy & Diaconess Retreat 2022 will be held on 24 & 25 August 2022 at Crystal Crown Hotel, Kepong, Kuala Lumpur. Check in from 2:00pm on 24 August, and check out around 8:30am on 26 August 2022 after breakfast. Upon checking out, all clergy and diaconesses from the Retreat shall proceed to Christ Church, Jinjang, Kuala Lumpur for the Diocesan Assembly.
- 1.2 The Clergy & Diaconess Retreat is open to all ordained Priests and Deacons, and commissioned Diaconesses. Attendance at the Retreat is compulsory for those Priests, Deacons and Diaconesses who are full-time employees of the Diocese, including those who have been re-employed by the Diocese after retirement. Attendance is not compulsory for LOM and NSM Clergy, Honorary Diaconesses and retired Clergy and Diaconesses, but you are most welcome to participate as well. All rooms are on twin-sharing basis, paid by the Diocese. If you opt for single occupancy, you will be required to pay an additional cost.
- 1.3 The Registration Forms were sent to all Clergy and Diaconesses on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022. To-date, around 80 clergy and diaconesses have returned their completed forms. The organising committee led by Ven. Stephen Chan have planned for 120 pax. Those who have not yet sent in your registration forms, kindly do so before 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022.
- 1.4 I have invited Rev Mark Knight, Principal of the St. Paul's Theological College, to deliver the Theme Talk, entitled **Sabbath – “Behold I make all things new”**.
- 1.5 Session with Bishop: I will be attending these sessions via online platform, at 8pm on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> August.
  - 1.5.1 *1<sup>st</sup> Session with Bishop:* I will send out a Paper listing the matters that you need to consider and discuss during the first session on 24<sup>th</sup> August. These include matters pertaining to the ministries in our diocese and the three key areas of discipleship, leadership development and church planting.
  - 1.5.2 *2<sup>nd</sup> Session with Bishop:* During the second session on 25<sup>th</sup> August, I want you to discuss and give feedback on our Diocesan Clergy Handbook. The handbook covers administrative and diocesan policies that have been handed down and evolved over the past 50 years. The Diocesan Secretary has been given the mammoth task of updating this handbook, and together



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with the staff of the Diocesan Office and Bishop's Office, portions of it have been updated and re-organised. This is still a work in progress.

- 1.6 **Free time:** I have instructed that a 5-hour slot for "free time" be allocated on the afternoon of the second day. This is to enable you to reflect on the 1<sup>st</sup> Bishop's Session, the Theme Talk and the Diocesan Clergy Handbook. You may also use the time to discuss in groups or engage with me. I will be available to engage with any clergy or group of clergy (including deaconesses) during the "free time" and other times during the Retreat. Please liaise with my PA, Maria Thomas, to schedule a zoom meeting any suitable time during the Retreat.

1.7 Programme for the Clergy & Deaconess Retreat 2022

NO	TIME	DESCRIPTION	IN CHARGE / REMARKS
<b>1.0</b>	<b>24 August 2022</b>		
1.1	2:00 pm	Arrival of Clergy & Deaconesses Check in Relax, fellowship	Self check-in at hotel front desk If you do not know your room-mate, Ensa will be there to assist.
1.2	6:00 pm	Dinner @ Crown Café Coffee House, Ground Floor	Ven. Stephen Chan
1.3	7:30 pm	Evensong @ Crystal Hall, Level 1 Led by UNA Clergy	Ven Soong Hoe Pin (UNA) to coordinate
1.4	8:00 pm	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Session with Bishops @ Crystal Hall, Level 1</b> ➤ Bishop Steven Abbarow (online) ➤ Bishop Jason Selvaraj ➤ Bishop Stephen Soe	➤ Introduction ➤ Discussion will be based on a Paper that Bishop Steven will provide around 1 month before the Retreat ➤ Q&A
1.5	10:00 pm	Compline @ Crystal Hall, Level 1 Led by LNA Clergy	Ven John Kennady (LNA) to coordinate.
1.6	10:30 pm	Good night	Ven Stephen Chan
<b>2.0</b>	<b>25 August 2022</b>		
2.1	7:30 am	Holy Communion Service @ Crystal Hall, Level 1. Led by SA Clergy	Ven Edward John (SA) to coordinate
2.2	8:30 am	Breakfast @ Crown Café Coffee House, Ground Floor	Ven. Stephen Chan
2.3	9:30 am	<b>Theme Talk: Sabbath – "Behold I make all things new"</b> Speaker: Rev Mark Knight Q&A Venue: Crystal Hall, Level 1	Ven Stephen Chan
2.4	10:30 am	Discussion among Archdeaconry Groups	Coffee, Tea and snacks provided
2.5	12:30 pm	Lunch @ Crown Café Coffee House, Ground Floor	Ven. Stephen Chan
2.6	1:00 pm	Rest & Free time	➤ Clergy can engage with Bishop Steven via zoom during the Free



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NO	TIME	DESCRIPTION	IN CHARGE / REMARKS
			Time (please book a slot with Bishop's PA, Maria)
2.7	6:00 pm	Dinner @ Crown Café Coffee House, Ground Floor	Ven. Stephen Chan
2.8	7:30 pm	Praise & Worship @ Crystal Hall, Level 1. Led by EA Clergy.	Ven Jacob George (EA) to coordinate.
2.9	8:00 pm	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session with Bishop @ Crystal Hall, Level 1 (BUSINESS SESSION)</b> ➤ Bishop Steven Abbarow (online) ➤ Bishop Jason Selvaraj ➤ Bishop Stephen Soe	➤ Diocesan Clergy Handbook ➤ Diocesan Secretary, Bishop's PA (Maria) and Bishop's Office Secretary (Ensa) to be present on-site during this meeting, to assist
2.10	10:00 pm	Compline @ Crystal Hall, Level 1 Led by UCA/LCA Clergy	Ven Charles Fraser (UCA & LCA) to coordinate
2.11	10:30 pm	Good night	Ven. Stephen Chan
<b>3.0</b>	<b>26 August 2022</b>		
3.1	7:30 am	Breakfast @ Crown Café Coffee House, Ground Floor	Ven. Stephen Chan
3.2	8:30 am	Check out of hotel	Self check-out, proceed to Christ Church, Jinjang for Diocesan Assembly

1.8 I will provide information about the Diocesan Assembly 2022 in my next Circular.

## 2.0 Movement of Clergy and Appointments

- 2.1 Rev. Doding Rito has been appointed as Priest-in-Charge of St. David's Church, Sungai Udang, Melaka (Outreach of Christ Church Melaka, in Lower Central Archdeaconry), with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022.
- 2.2 Rev. Benammie Anak John has been appointed as Priest-in-Charge of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pasir Gudang, Johor (Missionary District in Southern Archdeaconry) with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022.
- 2.3 Rev. Victor Arputham has been appointed as Priest-in-Charge of St. Andrew's Church, Parit Buntar (Parish), and Holy Trinity Church, Nibong Tebal (Missionary District), and with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022. Both these churches are in Lower North Archdeaconry.
- 2.4 Rev. David Rajiah's appointment as Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of the Good Shepherd, Subang Jaya, Selangor, in Middle Central Archdeaconry, has been extended until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.



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### 3.0 Appointments to CCM Committees

The following DWM representatives have been nominated to serve in CCM Committees:

#### 3.1 CCM Committees for the New Triennium 2022-2025

- 1) Chinese Work : Rev. Raymond Lai
- 2) Indian Work : Rev. Issac Pandianadan
- 3) Youth Work : Mrs. Melissa Raj
- 4) Women's Work : Dss. Jackeline James David
- 5) Faith & Order : Rev. Issac Pandianadan

3.2 DWM Nomination to CCM Exco: Ms. Sharmila Sekaran, a lawyer by profession, has been nominated to the CCM Exco. This was in response to a request for a female lay person who is familiar with the legal system and able to guide CCM on legal matters should the need arise. She worships at St. Paul's Church, Petaling Jaya.

3.3 Rev. Jack Mongudal Owal will continue to serve as DWM representative at the Hal Ehwal Bumiputra Indigenous (**HEBI**) conference.

3.4 In response to CCM's invitation, we have selected Rev. Joseph Vergis as one of the three participants from CCM constituencies, to attend the training organized by the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA). The training, entitled "*South-East Asia Churches Engagement with HIV and AIDS: Working Towards Informed Responses*", will be held on 2-4 August 2022 at the CCA headquarters, Payap University, Muang, Chiang Mai, Thailand.

### 4.0 Appointments to STM Committees

The following DWM representatives have been nominated to serve in various STM committees or meetings:

#### 4.1 Delegates to STM AGM

- 1) The Rt. Rev. Dr. D. Steven Abbarow
- 2) The Rt. Rev. Dr. Jason Selvaraj
- 3) Mr. Caldwell David Joseph
- 4) Mr. James Chee Boon Soo
- 5) Mr. Lew Weng Ho
- 6) Ven. Stephen Chan Mung Koon
- 7) Mdm. Jane Lazar
- 8) Mr. Daniel Chai Cheok Sing
- 9) Mrs. Shireen Selvaraju
- 10) Ms. Caroline Jayapalan

#### 4.2 STM Council members

- 1) The Rt. Rev. Dr. D. Steven Abbarow
- 2) The Rt. Rev. Dr. Jason Selvaraj
- 3) Mr. Caldwell David Joseph



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- 4) Mr. James Chee Boon Soo
- 5) Mr. Lew Weng Ho – Hon. Treasurer

4.3 STM Exco

- 1) The Rt. Rev. Dr. D. Steven Abbarow
- 2) Mr. Lew Weng Ho – Hon Treasurer

4.4 Personnel Committee

- 1) Mr. Caldwell David Joseph

4.5 Finance Committee

- 1) Mr. Lew Weng Ho – Hon Treasurer
- 2) Mdm. Jane Lazar

4.7 Building & Development Committee

- 1) Mr. Daniel Chai Cheok Sing – Chairman

4.8 Trustee from EXCO

- 1) Mr. Lew Weng Ho – Hon. Treasurer

4.9 Independent Trustee

- 1) Ven. Stephen Chan Mung Koon

**5.0 Google Feedback Form**

- 5.1 If you have any comments or feedback, please fill up the Google Feedback form using the link below:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMjTaKPmNGWTPQc76GZWljVyCV4d1hP9vt eDuZiMP9-pUF3g/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMjTaKPmNGWTPQc76GZWljVyCV4d1hP9vt eDuZiMP9-pUF3g/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Veni Sancte Spiritus,



The Rt. Rev. Dr. D. Steven Abbarow  
Bishop of West Malaysia



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