The Extraordinary Congregational Meeting ("ECM") to Elect/Re-elect Elders and Deacons

13 October 2024, 11.15am, Grace Bible Presbyterian Church

Candidates for the office of Deacon & Session Member

Dn David Leong

All praise to God, I have had the privilege of completing two terms in the church session, currently serving in Missions & Evangelism and Fellowship & Discipleship. For over 15 years, I've been involved in fellowship and small group ministries at Grace, and in the last three years, I've been blessed to coordinate our outreach efforts, both locally and overseas. This journey has profoundly impacted my life, reshaping my priorities and outlook.



Before this, my efforts in personal evangelism were minimal, limited to occasional outreach during Christmas or Easter, or sharing my faith when asked by friends. Missions, too, was not a significant focus, aside from a few trips. However, when I was entrusted with overseeing the Missions & Evangelism Ministry, God used that opportunity to change my heart. Through prayer and seeking His guidance, He has called me to prioritize the advancement of the Gospel, and I am learning to obey that calling.

In Fellowship & Discipleship, my heart is for us to become a church that embraces true discipleship. We have shifted from organizing small groups to focusing on one-to-one Bible reading and reorganizing fellowship groups around Bible classes. My passion for discipleship led me to undergo training with Church Renewal International, and for the past two years, I have co-led a discipleship training program for ministry workers in Myanmar.

While I still manage my own business, I have begun to scale back my involvement, with plans for my partners to eventually take over. My business spans industries such as Solar Power, Batteries, Waste-to-Energy, and Agriculture, and it is my desire to use my experience and connections to support Missions and explore new opportunities for outreach. I want to devote more time to ministry, making myself available for God's work.

What I truly hope for Grace BPC is to see our members walking this spiritual journey together—encouraging one another to grow in faith, love the Lord, cherish His Word, and work for the spread of the Gospel. My prayer is that we see our church not just as a collection of individual families, but as a spiritual family that God has placed us in, where we humbly serve and build one another up. Let us use the gifts God has given us to strengthen the body of Christ, not just focusing inwardly on ourselves.

I also long to see Grace Church fully embracing the Great Commission, bringing the Gospel to those who have never heard it. It is encouraging to see our younger members involved in evangelism at the airport, but my deeper prayer is that we cultivate a Gospel-centred culture—always ready to share the Good News in our daily lives and committed to taking it beyond our shores.

Please pray for me, that I may learn greater dependence on Jesus, grow in humility, love, and prayerfulness, and continue maturing in faith as I age. Pray also that I may be a better husband and father at home, as I seek to serve the Lord with all my heart.

Dn Lim Chien Chong

After serving in the Session for one term, it is good that I give an update of what I'm currently doing as well as share about my aspiration for Grace church and things you can pray for me.

I'm currently still serving as a full-time staff in SYFC. I have handed over my leadership role since 2021 and my current role involves teaching, mentoring, problem-solving as well as doing what the new leadership team assigns me to do. I also meet with and help some JC students who are weaker in their studies in the school setting so that I can still have a direct ministry platform to reach and minister to young people.



On most weekends when I'm not teaching at Grace, I'm usually preaching at other churches, many of whom are small to medium sized churches. My ministry with them goes back to when I started full-time Christian ministry; the intent has always been to support and encourage them because they face similar manpower challenges like us.

At Grace, I'm involved in pulpit planning and preaching as well as Bible Class and children ministry. My role as a session member would also involve me in following up on different church matters and programs as well as ministering to different Gracians personally or in small groups. Recently, I've also been assigned to look into the church youth and young adults ministry

My biggest aspiration for Grace is that we become the kind of inter-generational Christ-centred church as taught in Scripture; where we reach out to unbelievers with the gospel and build up believers in His Word, where the older is supported and the younger empowered to lead the church by following Jesus. This is one area you can also pray for the church as well as for me in my ministry.

As we serve, we need all your prayers, encouragement as well as involvement. We are the body of Christ; every part matters and Christ is our Head.

Personally, please pray for me that I can be wise, loving and patient; that I can apply God's word wisely in the different areas of ministry as well as in the way I think, serve, relate and live. Pray also that I can continue well in my role as a husband and father at home amidst the busyness of serving the Lord.