

PROJECT **Newsletter** Spring - Winter

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Designing intergenerational environments & programmes

Project Spring-Winter has embarked on its design phase with the appointment of RSP Architects for the project in January 2016. Central to the design brief was that the new facilities and programmes should help SJSM realise its vision of becoming a church without walls and a light to the community

Detail of a discussion board used in the workshop.

However, given that this was the first of its kind in Singapore, translating this vision to the seamless integration of the Spring and Winter blocks posed a challenge.

Against this backdrop, our pastoral team, lay leaders, PSW Committee members and the architects gathered on Saturday, 27 February for a workshop. The aim of the session was to share the preliminary Nursing Home and Pre-School programmes, sharpen them further, and brainstorm ways to facilitate integration between the young and old through programmes and the building design.

The gathering began with Larry Choi, Chairman of the PSW Committee, sharing reflections on Exodus 40:34-36 on the completion of the construction work for the tabernacle. Larry reminded the group that our work of obedience was to follow God's commandment as well as His design. Just as Israel's reward was the glory of God

filling the physical space of the tabernacle, PSW's ultimate focus was to bring God's presence to the people as they experienced His glory.

Participants then had the

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Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. (Exodus 40:34)

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opportunity to share in small groups, their aspirations, ideas and experiences for the design of the intergenerational programmes and space. We were also privileged to hear and learn from Associate Professors Gerald Koh and Thang Leng Leng, NUS experts in community medicine and intergenerational studies respectively. Both speakers strongly affirmed that PSW was the right way to go, while also cautioning us to expect challenges ahead.

As the small groups shared key points from their discussion, we were encouraged to hear many common themes emerge.

These included the need to purposefully design flexible, organic shared spaces for games, craft and activities; programmes and policies that cut across age and race; and the importance of giving the elderly a sense of worth through programmes that allow them to contribute to the community.

The workshop created a sense of solidarity among the participants, and broadened our individual perspectives on PSW. As we proceed with the work, we are reminded and encouraged that God is the Chief Architect and Planner, and His purposes extend beyond what we are

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able to accomplish on our own strength. Let us continue to adopt a posture of prayerfulness and humble dependence on God, as we discern His design for PSW.

Development Updates

After a comprehensive Call For Tender process and detailed evaluation of submissions, RSP Architects Planners and Engineers was appointed to provide consultancy services (architectural, engineering and quantity surveying) for the proposed development. Work quickly began with February and March seeing intensive meetings on spatial requirements and initial schematic designs. The Ministry of Health also approved in-principle funding for 90% for the Nursing Home component of the development.

Coming Soon!

BUILDING DESIGN

Wondering what the new buildings may look like? Look out for the latest news once the schematic design phase is completed. This phase is typically the research phase, where proposed design concepts, spatial relationships, scale and form are reviewed. An exhibition is being planned to keep members updated.

PSW FORUM

Also being planned is a forum where members may give views and clarify any areas relating to PSW. The forum originally scheduled for 3 Apr 2016 will be moved to a later date.

DECENTRALISED CPG

A CPG focusing on PSW is being scheduled for 22 Apr 2016. Let's gather in our cells to pray for PSW.

FUND RAISING

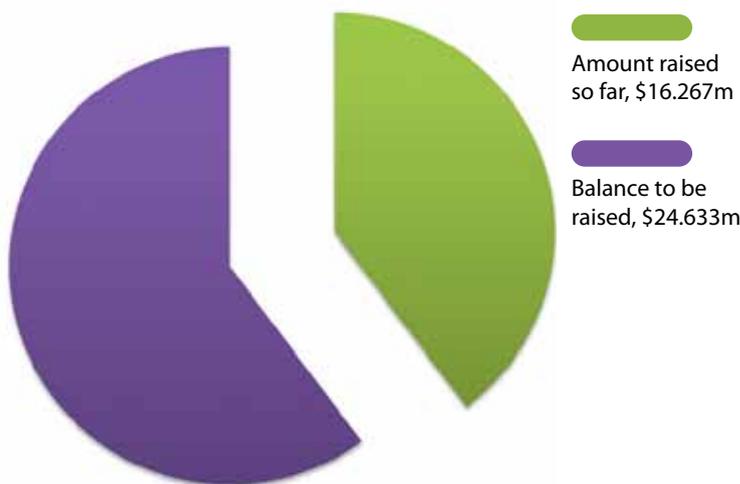
Update

As at end-February 2016, the total monetary sum on hand for PSW (for land lease renewal, construction of nursing home, childcare facilities and additional church facilities) stands at S\$16.267 million. This means that we have raised around 40% of the total project cost of \$40.9 million. Praise God for His grace and provision!

Spreading the amount to be raised between 2016-2019, this works out to be just slightly more than \$6 million a year.

The momentum of our giving should gather pace as the year proceeds. Do continue to give towards PSW by dropping off your donations at the Info Desk. Cheques are to be written out to "SJSM-PSW". Let us continue in the posture of giving our talents, time and treasures as God guides and directs our steps.

Total Project Costs



Interview Michael Wong, Project Executive Director



Michael Wong, a long-time SJSMer, will be appointed PSW's new Project Executive Director (effective 15 Mar 2016). In this feature, we find out more about this humble man with a servant heart.

Tell us a little about your family

My wife Jasmine and I have three children – two daughters Sylvia and Suzanne, and a son Sherman. We also have two grandchildren. All of us were baptised in SJSM!

What roles have you held in SJSM prior to this?

I've served as an usher and a cell leader. In 2008, I retired from my business in specialised building materials because I sensed God was moving me to take up a posting as SJSM's Director of Operations. I served in this role until 2014.

What led you to take on the PED role?

I stepped down from church staff to enter a new season. My son-in-law was posted overseas so my wife and I had committed to visiting them at least once a year. I was also involved in Alpha on Wheels, an initiative to make Alpha more portable by conducting it on a bus. I took up part-time studies at Singapore Bible College to equip myself for Alpha ministry.

Earlier this year, Wilson and Kin Nyen (from the Building Committee) approached me to consider the Project Executive Director role. By then, my son-in-law had completed his posting and was back in Singapore. The Alpha on Wheels initiative had also been moved to Alpha Singapore. So that freed me up and I had no excuse!

As I prayed about it, I realised that I had come full circle – I was involved right at the start, together with Pastor Rennis, when we were considering building a rooftop lounge. This project escalated into the redevelopment of the Community Hall, then the Building and Land Lease project, and now finally Project Spring-Winter. So in a way, I've been a part of this project from the start!

What are your thoughts about PSW? What excites you?

PSW is exciting and challenging. As I was praying, I sensed the Lord is doing something in our midst. This project is not by accident. God planned for it. We are quite scattered in our ministry efforts, and the Lord gave me the assurance that PSW will unite us and bring us to a single point of attention.

He is bringing a spring of living water in the midst of SJSM. He wants us now to work at it, and it's going to become a well, then a stream, then a river.

Many years ago, SJSM received a prophecy of amazing growth. We've been asking the Lord when is this going to happen. I sense that when we finish this project, He will bring his promise to pass.

Thank You!

The role of PED has been helmed by Mr John Suan since its inception. John, formerly CEO of Singapore Anglican Community Services, is due to return to join his family in Canada come May 2016. John has been a blessing to the project and we are grateful for his contributions throughout the early stages of planning and funding approval.

Job Opportunities

PRINCIPAL-DESIGNATE, PRE-SCHOOL CENTRE Project Spring-Winter

The successful candidate will assume the role of Principal 6 months ahead of the proposed Integrated Inter-generational Childcare Centre which is slated to be operational in 2019/2020. However, the early appointment is initiated to involve the Principal-Designate to be involved in the conception of the physical design of the set-up as well as to formulate and plan for the model of Integrated Childcare to be implemented in relation to its Philosophy, Mission and Vision, Curriculum and Programme. The Principal-Designate's buying in to the proposed Integrated Childcare with the Nursing Home in the same premises is crucial to the long-term sustainability of the Project.

PREREQUISITES:

We welcome applicants who are bible-believing Christians committed to the holistic nurture of the child in a Christ-centred learning environment. He/she should share in the vision that the inter-generational integration will positively influence both the young and the elderly.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

- Leads and manages an upcoming Integrated Childcare Centre that nurtures the whole child in a Christ-centred environment
- Plans and implements the Integrated Childcare Curriculum
- Empowers staff through training and development
- Conducts regular curriculum and operational audits to maintain and enhance the level of progress and service quality in the Centre
- Believes in the role of the SJSM community in helping shape and enhance the child's learning capability and character formation and takes active steps to engage the Church through her Chaplaincy involvement, meaningful consultation and partnerships

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Possesses a Degree in Early Childhood/Diploma in Pre-School Education - Leadership (DPE -L)
- Candidates who are currently pursuing the DPE - L may also apply for the above post
- Has at least two years' experience in a key role managing a Pre-School Centre

We welcome all who are interested to submit their resumes to hr@sjsm.org.sg or call 67739449 for more details. Only shortlisted candidates will be notified.

Volunteer

Volunteers are still needed in various areas including secretariat support and graphic design. Do visit the SJSM website for more details.

What is Project Spring-Winter?

Project Spring-Winter, or PSW for short, covers:

- the development of a pre-school facility and services (Spring)
- eldercare services including the construction of a nursing home building (Winter)
- the enhancement of our facilities for worship and ministry; and
- the renewal of lease for our existing land parcel by a further 20 years from 2022.

WHY PSW?

SJSM has been serving the Dover community since our earliest days. PSW is the next stage of community service that God is clearly and specifically leading us into and consists of a holistic family ministry that will provide opportunities for young and old to meet and bond. The new Spring and Winter services will help meet the needs of the Dover community and the nation. They make tangible SJSM's mission to be "a witnessing community of praying and caring worshippers"

Testimony?

If you have a testimony to share concerning PSW, please send it to info@sjsm.org.sg, or together with your cash or cheque, either with your name or anonymously. Your stories will help us understand how the Lord is moving in our midst, which we hope we may share with the congregation in future updates.

Next Issue:

PSW NEWSLETTER

Our newsletter will be published on a bi-monthly basis. In the coming months, special issues may also be published where time-sensitive updates need to be given.



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