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Here's what has happened in the past few month and what's to come!

St Peter's Hall has undergone a profound transformation this year, much like the journey of a butterfly—emerging from the cocoon to spread its wings and soar.

Our once beloved library has now been reimaged as a dedicated office space to house our growing staff team. The books that once lined its shelves were generously shared with attendees during the In-Service Training Conference, symbolizing our commitment to equipping others for ministry.

We are immensely grateful for the success of our inaugural In-Service Training Conference, which has greatly benefited both clergy and staff over its three-day span. Looking ahead, we eagerly anticipate our next lay training conference, as we continue to alternate between in-service and lay conferences every 1.5 years to ensure all leaders are empowered for service.

In the spirit of expanding our reach, we are in the midst of revamping our website. This new platform will host our training videos, making them accessible to a broader audience. By offering these resources asynchronously, we aim to equip and impact more of God's people with the knowledge and tools they need to serve faithfully.

Finally, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have supported us on this journey. Your relentless encouragement fuels our mission as we continue to train and equip leaders for the Anglican Diocese of Singapore.

Together, we are building a future where God's people are empowered to lead and serve with grace and wisdom.

Joshua Sudharman

Warden, St Peter's Hall

ST PETER'S HALL: NEW LOOK!



Welcome to our St Peter's Hall newsletter! We are grateful to share how God is guiding us in this new season.

As faithful stewards of our space, we have transformed our library into a dedicated office for our small staff team. This change reflects our commitment to serve with diligence and unity, allowing us to work together more closely in fulfilling the ministry God has entrusted to us. We trust that this new space will enable us to better serve His Kingdom as we seek to glorify Him in all that we do.



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EVENTS



FAMILY RETREAT 2024

What a refreshing and enriching time it was for the Petereans and their families during the recent SPH Retreat over 3 days, from 30th August to 1st September 2024.

The theme of the retreat, "Faithful," was especially fitting as it resonated deeply with those among us who are navigating the rigors of full-time theological studies.

Through building and fostering our community, this retreat has deepened our relationships, reminding us that we are not walking this journey alone. We have each other to lean on, to grow with, and to encourage as we faithfully serve the call to full-time ministry.

“ LET US HOLD FAST THE CONFESSION OF OUR HOPE WITHOUT WAVERING, FOR HE WHO PROMISED IS FAITHFUL.

AND LET US CONSIDER HOW TO STIR UP ONE ANOTHER TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS, NOT NEGLECTING TO MEET TOGETHER, AS IS THE HABIT OF SOME, BUT ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER, AND ALL THE MORE AS YOU SEE THE DAY DRAWING NEAR.

HEBREWS 10: 23-25



IN-SERVICE TRAINING CONFERENCE 2024

The In-Service Training Conference 2024 presented by Anglican Diocese of Singapore and St Peter's Hall was held at St John's - St Margaret's Church over 3 days. We saw our fellow pastoral, chaplaincy, admin and operations colleagues from all parishes and services across the island congregate as one body to be ministered by God's word. There were a total of 6 plenary sessions and 20 workshops.

A key highlight of the ISTC was the ministry time when clergy, pastoral and admin staff were praying for one another, with many tears being shed. It was truly a unique opportunity for the In-Service staff of the Diocese to come out of our usual silos and experience our collective strength and diversity as a Diocese.

We concluded on the final day with St Peter's Hall 70th Anniversary Holy Communion Service, where Archbishop Titus Chung preached on the perennial importance of "The Word of God" to all church workers. Revd Dr Joshua also shared a presentation on the 70-year journey of St Peter's Hall and key areas of development for the future.



TESTIMONY



A CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS

BY JUSTIN LIM

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to join a short mission trip to Nepal with St Peter's Hall. We visited various places, including Life Way Church in Lower Dhading Besi and the slums of Kathmandu.

Initially, I thought we were going to bless the people there, but by the end of the trip, I realized how richly I had been blessed in return. Through this mission trip, I witnessed a different culture passionately worshipping the Lord. The churches we visited were hungry for God's Word and His presence. I was deeply humbled by how the churches in Nepal continue to worship with such fervor and faithfulness despite their many challenges.

This experience reminded me that theological studies must continue to engage with the ministry within and beyond our borders, regardless of language or culture. It has shown me that theology equips us to connect with the global body of Christ, helping us understand how God's truth transcends borders. Our churches are then united in worship and mission, no matter our geographical or cultural differences.

To God be all the glory. Amen.

Justin Lim is currently a full time student at Trinity Theological College, under St Peter's Hall. He worships and serves at Chapel of Christ the Redeemer (CCR).



UPCOMING



Ordination Service

The upcoming ordination service for the Anglican Diocese of Singapore will take place on 10 November 2024, 5pm-7pm, at the newly reopened Nave of St Andrew's Cathedral.

This significant event will mark the ordination of new deacons, affirming their call to serve within the Church.



Announcing Our New Website Launch

We're excited to officially launch our new website at the annual Synod Meeting on 9 November 2024!

Discover how you can access training programs from the comfort of your home and fitting to your schedule.

PRAY FOR US

Unless the Lord builds the house, they labour in vain who build it. (Psalm 127:1)
Your prayers are by far the most precious thing you can bless us with.

- Pray for the Warden and his team of Associate Wardens, that the Lord's wisdom, discernment and shepherd's heart be upon them, to help the Petereans (Anglican students in TTC) on their journey of formation and equipping as future leaders and full-time staff in the Diocese.
- Pray for all the stakeholders in SPH to respond to the Lord's leading, whatever their God-given roles may be. Let the students be passionate learners. Let the sending churches be ardent supporters. Let the donors be generous givers. Let the trainers be inspired instructors. Let the Board and Committee members be committed stewards and planners. Let the intercessors be faith-filled prayer warriors. All for the Lord's glory as the ministry of St Peter's Hall bears bountiful fruit in the years to come!



SUPPORT US



Your generous donation to St Peter's Hall helps equip and support future church leaders as they undergo theological training and formation.

Every contribution impacts the lives of those called to serve the Church, ensuring they receive the education and resources needed to faithfully fulfil their roles.

Thank you for partnering with us in this vital mission of raising up faithful servant leaders for God's kingdom.