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We are in the last quarter of the year, and typically this is also when time the church begins to prepare for the season of Advent and Christmas. How will Christmas be different for Cathedral this year?

After 400 years of silence, God made His move and gave the greatest gift of love 2000 years ago through the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we prepare ourselves for Christmas, I'd like to share this verse from 1 John 3:18, "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." I believe this is a call from the Lord for us to avail ourselves and give in various ways to spread God's love and bless others.

I was recently reminded again that the Cathedral is blessed to be a blessing. Indeed, we should not withhold God's blessing on us, and instead to go and spread the joy of Christmas because **Love Moves**.

This Christmas, we are led by the Lord to bless the community - particularly to a cluster of flats where many residents are elderly with low income, living in one room rentals, at Bukit Merah. We will be blessing them with the joy of Christmas with simple Christmas gifts through our Christmas community outreach initiative,

Adopt-a-Block.

So, why Bukit Merah? Interestingly, SAC has had a long presence in Bukit Merah through the Boys' Brigade Company at Gan Eng Seng Primary School. Some of our brothers and sisters from the rough sleeper ministry (Lazarus Ministry) also prayerfully started outreaches in this area in 2020, in which they befriended

rough sleepers and those in need. It seems the Lord is expanding our scope from the rough sleepers to the elderlies who are often confined to their homes. We are excited with this divine opportunity to bring Christmas cheers to the folks in the Bukit Merah community!

Let's get moving and find out how you can **Adopt-a-Block** through our website, social media and broadcast! You can also start praying to invite someone to our **evangelistic Lessons and Carols or Christmas Service this year!** More details will be shared later this month. *(As the COVID-19 guidelines are evolving, we seek your understanding, as some aspects of the plan may change.)*

On a different note - we were supposed to transit to stage 2 starting October - to increase the capacity of all our onsite services. However, with the new tightened measures introduced by the government, and the significant increase in the community cases, I have decided to put on hold the launch of stage 2. God willing, I really pray and hope that we could have more people back to worship onsite by Christmas. Meanwhile, please keep well and stay safe.

Please join me to pray for the Lord's divine intervention on the COVID-19 situation in Singapore, and in the world. We need a major breakthrough before we are ready to be in an endemic state. "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God" (Psalm 20:7).

