

From 15-18 June, more than 300 of us gathered in Holiday Villa, JB, for this year's church camp. Guided by Bishop Emeritus Dr Gordon Wong's insightful teaching on John 15:1-17, we reflected together on our camp theme, Abiding in the Love of Christ. Over 4 sessions, Bishop Gordon exhorted us on these key points: (1) Abiding in Christ, (2) Abiding in the Love of Christ, (3) Abiding in the Fruit of the Love of Christ, and (4) Abiding in the Love of Christ: Experiencing Joy. He urged us to grow in our love for Christ and for one another.

His reflection on Jesus's words in v. 7, "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you...", resonated with many of us. The second part of this statement can be understood as allowing the words of Jesus to "be at home in us", and this is a call to immerse ourselves in Scripture. This call, of course, was made to the SAC community at the beginning of the year. I hope that all of us have been progressing well with our Bible reading plans. If not, it's not too late to catch up! Do continue to encourage and share your reflections with one another.



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Our time together at the camp was both enriching and edifying, and we give thanks for every person who was there! Unfortunately, many of you weren't, and you were missed. We do hope that more of you will be able to join us for our next church camp in 2027!

Looking to the nearer future, we're not many weeks away from the 60th anniversary of Singapore's independence. In conjunction with our SG60 National Day celebrations, SAC will be publishing a special edition of the Courier magazine. This will reflect on the Cathedral's role in Singapore these 60 years, and on how our church has grown together with our nation. As we consider the Lord's blessings upon the life and ministry of SAC over the past 6 decades, we'll be reminded of many reasons to give thanks to Him.

With that in mind, let's intentionally set aside time to pray for our nation in the coming weeks. LoveSingapore's annual 40-Day Prayer Season commenced on 1 July and will continue until National Day, and I encourage you to use the daily reflections to guide you in interceding for Singapore. May God's kingdom come and His will be done in our nation. All glory to His name!

