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SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER TO 7,000 UNDERPRIVILEGED PEOPLE WITH GIFTS WORTH \$495,000

New Creation Church, West Coast GRC and Pioneer GROs join hands to kick off Gift Of Love 2018 to build a more compassionate community.

Singapore, 1 December 2018: This Christmas season, New Creation Church will be helping some 7,000 underprivileged people with about \$495,000 in practical gifts through its Gift Of Love 2018 initiative. It kicks off today with the Christmas Gift Of Love lunch party, one of three Christmas Gift Of Love events that also include a dinner party this evening and another event on 8 December 2018.

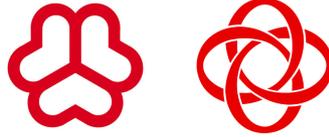
At the Christmas Gift Of Love lunch party held at Boon Lay Community Centre today, it was a familiar yet heartwarming sight as underprivileged families tucked into lunch with a choice of Chinese, vegetarian or halal food, enjoyed performances of community and national songs, sung popular Christmas carols, and received both \$100 in supermarket vouchers and \$100 worth of essentials such as detergent and canned goods in a gift trolley.

Co-organised by New Creation Church, West Coast GRC and Pioneer Constituency Grassroots Organisations (GROs) to benefit about 300 people in the district and their families, the lunch party also featured a specially planned multicultural programme by the church's creative team, featuring items like an energetic dance, *Singai Naadu*, *Ku Mohon*, 小人物的心声, *We Are Singapore*, Christmas carols and a rendition of the popular National Day song, *Home*.

Mr S Iswaran, Minister for Communications and Information, and Adviser to West Coast GRC GROs, said, "The year end is a time for celebration with family and friends, but also a time for giving. I am very glad that New Creation Church, West Coast Group Representation Constituency and Pioneer Constituency Grassroots Organisations, are joining hands to reach

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out and help those in need in our community, and to celebrate as one regardless of background or beliefs.”

New Creation Church’s council member, Deacon Matthew Kang, said, “Christmas is a season of giving and New Creation Church is so glad to be able to show God’s love to 300 individuals of West Coast GRC and Pioneer Constituency and their families with supermarket vouchers and a gift trolley filled with daily essentials, as well as help over 7,000 people all over Singapore with practical gifts worth more than \$495,000.”

Besides the lunch party, a Christmas Gift Of Love dinner co-organised by New Creation Church and Ci Yuan Community Club Management Committee, and graced by guest of honour Mr Darryl David, Adviser to Ang Mo Kio GRC GROs, will be held this evening to help some 150 people of Ang Mo Kio GRC and their families with \$15,000 worth of supermarket vouchers.

And on Saturday, 8 December 2018, the church will partner Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC GROs, to distribute gift trollies filled with daily essentials worth a total of \$87,500 to 1,250 people in the constituency. Mr Lawrence Wong, Minister for National Development and Adviser to Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC GROs will be present at the event where Mr Zaqy Mohamad, Minister of State for National Development and Manpower and Adviser to Chua Chu Kang GRC GROs will join the event.

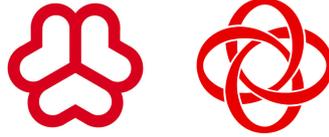
New Creation Church has been organising the Christmas Gift Of Love events since 2014 as part of its Gift Of Love initiative to extend practical help and love to the less privileged in society during the Christmas season.

Including 2018, the church has helped over 67,500 people in Singapore and the region through its Gift Of Love initiative by giving approximately \$2 million in supermarket vouchers and gift packs. Throughout the year, the church also regularly helps underprivileged families, people with special needs and elderly, as well as foreign workers in Singapore. This year, the church has helped more than 11,400 people through some 150 programmes in Singapore, as well as another 13,200 people in the region.

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Media Invitation

You and your photographer/videographer are cordially invited to cover Christmas Gift Of Love 2018.

Date: Saturday, 1 December 2018

Time: 11.30am–2pm

Venue: Boon Lay Community Centre
10 Boon Lay Place
Singapore 649882

Enclosed:

- Fact sheet on Christmas Gift Of Love and Gift Of Love
- Photos of past Gift Of Love events are available on request

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About New Creation Church

New Creation Church is a non-denominational church and a member of the National Council of Churches of Singapore. Jesus Christ takes centre place in the church, from the focus of its services, outreach efforts and worship to its day-to-day operations and volunteer activities.

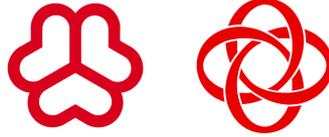
An elected council has general oversight of the church and is led by Deacon Yong Chee Ram, its independent chairman. Senior Pastor Joseph Prince preaches regularly in the church in a voluntary capacity, and his Christ-centred messages are broadcast to millions around the world daily.

The church has a congregation of 33,000 that meets at The Star Performing Arts Centre at Buona Vista and various venues in Singapore.

For more information, please visit www.newcreation.org.sg

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About Gift Of Love

Over the three decades since its founding in 1984, New Creation Church has organised hundreds of outreach and humanitarian projects because the church believes that it is always better to give than to receive.

Christmas Gift Of Love 2018 events seek to bless those in the local community. Christmas Gift Of Love is the first of many Gift Of Love projects organised by New Creation Church during the Christmas season every year that extends a helping hand to the underprivileged, regardless of race, language or religion.

Since Gift Of Love began in 2014, including this year, we have helped more than 67,500 people with grocery vouchers and gift packs of daily essentials worth approximately \$2 million. This comprises some 34,900 people in Singapore and through our Gift Of Love Global initiative, another 32,600 children and prison inmates overseas.