



SPEECH

By Deacon Matthew Kang, Council Member of New Creation Church, at the Christmas Gift Of Love @ North East lunch party on Saturday, 25 November 2017.

Mr Desmond Choo, Mayor of North East District and Adviser to Tampines Grassroots Organisations;

Miss Cheng Li Hui, PBM, Adviser to Tampines Grassroots Organisations;

Mr Lee Hong Chuang, BBM, Adviser to Hougang Grassroots Organisation;

Miss Chan Hui Yuh, PBM, Adviser to Aljunied Group Representation Constituency Grassroots Organisations;

esteemed leaders of the religious organisations represented here today;

our very special guests, the residents of Aljunied, Hougang, Pasir Ris, Punggol and Tampines;

ladies and gentlemen;



good morning everyone.

1. Welcome to Christmas Gift Of Love @ North East! Thank you for taking the time and being part of today's festivities.
2. This year, New Creation Church is honoured to partner with North East Community Development Council, or North East CDC, to organise this lunch party specially for residents of Aljunied, Hougang, Pasir Ris, Punggol and Tampines.
3. It is also our privilege to join hands with different religious organisations for the first time during the Christmas season to put together this special lunch party, and we want to take this opportunity to thank all the sponsors and partners for their generosity and support at this time.
4. First, I would like to appreciate North East CDC for providing us with a spacious venue and setting up this delicious lunch feast. We also thank Loyang Tua Pek Kong for sponsoring the gift trolleys filled with daily essentials for each of the 120 families represented here. We want to also specially mention and thank Masjid Darul Ghufuran, Singapore Soka Association and Tzu Chi Foundation Singapore, who have supported the event through special presentations as well as donations.



5. We also appreciate Lighthouse Evangelism, Paya Lebar Chinese Methodist Church and Masjid En Na-eem for their giving as well.
6. Our church is also glad to be able to give each family \$110 in supermarket and retail vouchers.
7. For over 30 years, it has always been the heart of New Creation Church to show God's love in practical ways to those in our community regardless of their backgrounds or beliefs. We reach out to the underprivileged, including families, the elderly and individuals with special needs, on a regular basis throughout the year.
8. The Christmas season in particular, is extra special for New Creation Church. It is a time of giving and Christmas Gift Of Love @ North East is the first of many Gift Of Love projects our church is organising this November and December to help the less fortunate in Singapore.
9. This year, we will be helping over 9,000 underprivileged children and elderly, widows, ex-offenders and foreign workers in Singapore with grocery vouchers and gift packs of daily essentials.
10. Since Gift Of Love began in 2014, including this year, we are privileged to be able to give more than S\$1.7 million to help more than 48,000 people both here and abroad.



11. Christmas Gift Of Love @ North East also shows how we stand united as Singaporeans despite our diversity. The presentations planned specially for you today showcase different facets of Singapore's multicultural society.

12. You have already enjoyed the dance item by New Creation Church, and there will be more in store for you including a medley of Malay songs, Singapore Soka Association's beautiful Sunflower dance, Tzu Chi Foundation Singapore's expressive sign language show, and Masjid Darul Ghufuran's energetic silat performance.

13. I am excited about this Christmas Gift Of Love @ North East lunch party! It represents our love for you and Singapore, our home, as well as our desire to embrace unity, regardless of race, language or religion.

14. So, thank you, 谢谢, *terimah kasih* and *nandri*. Let's enjoy this time together!

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