

Serving Grace

Opportunities to serve in CCCB's St Lucia English Congregation

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

What this is for:

The purpose of this booklet is to assist members of the St Lucia English congregation as you seek to serve God's church.

Brief descriptions of existing and potential ministries are provided to help you answer the question "where can I serve?". Ultimately there are as many possible ways to serve as there are people in our church family, so please be guided but not limited by the following descriptions.

It is hoped that this booklet will provide helpful information so that you may be an active and fruitful servant to the honour and glory of God.

What we'd like you to do:

We would like for each congregation member to read through the booklet, and regardless of where you may already be serving, to fill out the form on the back page. Some time over the next 1-3 weeks, please 'post' this form into Pastor Steve's mailbox (next to the Bookstall).

A 'Serving Grace' advisor (Pastor Steve, Uncle Paul, or Uncle Mike) will then approach you to discuss any questions or hopes you have for growing in your service to God and His people through CCCB, and how you might be able to begin (or continue) serving in the areas you've noted.

Please take time to prayerfully read and respond to the information; we look forward to your responses and to serving together for His glory.

Feedback form:

Name: _____

Phone No's: _____

Email: _____

I became a Christian (please briefly describe how and how long ago)

I have been attending CCCB SLE since _____

Current ministry areas I serve in (in and outside of CCCB) are:

I am interested in serving in the following area/s: _____

(Please know you aren't 'signing your life away' by expressing interest! We realise you would probably like more information about the areas you've written down before you can reach a final decision with the advisors / ministry co-ordinators.)

1. Administration Assistants (existing coordinator: Alvin Sia)

Opportunity exists for people to assist both our Church Treasurer (currently Johnson Leung from CCCB Coopers Plains) and our Church Administrator (currently Brendan Tan) with their roles. Administrative gifts and integrity are needed for these roles.

2. Bookstall (existing; Coordinator: Keiyeng Nation)

This team would be made up of people with a passion for reading beneficial Christian literature and seeing people grow in their knowledge of God. It would involve manning the bookstall at church and other events (eg. Church camp), and recommending specific books to people. Gifts of administration, discernment and teaching are used in this ministry.

3. Bulletin (existing; coordinator: Keiyeng Nation)

There is potential for more than one person to share in the ministry of editing (liaise with Pastors and roster coordinators etc) and publishing (format, print, copy, fold) the weekly Bulletin. The gift of administration is particularly useful for this role.

4. Catering (potential)

This ministry would support the activities of other ministries by preparing, supplying and serving meals (eg. at evangelistic or newcomers' welcome events). Team members would need to love serving others and smooth organization, as well as the preparation and presentation of food. This would involve gifts of helps, creativity and hospitality. Those with organizational gifts would need to liaise between the various ministries and the catering team.

5. Children's Ministries (Coordinator: Fay Hii)

Our Sunday School teachers and helpers share a strong desire for children to grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus Christ through the faithful teaching of God's Word. Volunteers can use gifts of teaching, administration, evangelism, shepherding, hospitality, creative communication, craftsmanship and leadership.

a) **Sunday School** (existing)

During the Sunday church service the children meet downstairs for their own teaching and activities. Sunday School caters for children from Crèche to year 7, teaching them from the Bible and leading them in activities.

b) **Children's holiday activities** (potential)

There is also the potential for a new ministry of evangelistic, holiday Kids Clubs for people interested in starting and nurturing this ministry. These Kids Club ministries could be in the Christmas and June/July holidays held over 3-5 mornings, with the team consisting of volunteers to lead the team, teach from the Bible, register the children, provide morning tea for the parents/children, lead the children in games, organise concerts and craft, and build relationships with the parents.

c) **Scripture in schools – Religious Education** (potential)

There is the potential for members of SLE to be involved in teaching Religious Education in local primary and high schools each week. People are able to participate in this significant ministry through teaching, relationship-building, evangelism, administration, and as teachers' aids.

d) **Tutoring** (potential)

There is potential for members of SLE to tutor students studying at school and through this, to introduce members of the wider community to our church. This is suitable for people who are academically able and have a desire to help both members of SLE and the wider community.

6. Drama (potential)

Drama as a teaching aid could be regularly presented in Sunday services and at church and fellowship group camps. Members of the drama team would be people who value effective communication through drama, using gifts of creative communication.

7. English Congregation Working Committee – ECWC (existing)

This committee is made up of SLE ministry and fellowship group leaders as well as interested congregation members, and meets monthly to plan the activities and services of our church.

8. Evangelism (existing coordinators: Steve and Keiyeng Nation)

For people inquiring about the Christian faith or just confirming it, we hope to begin regularly operating small groups which explain and discuss the basis of the Christian faith. Evangelists long for 'lost' people to be saved and use their gifts of evangelism, shepherding, hospitality and teaching for this purpose.

- *Christianity Explained* – a six-week course (especially good for one-on-one discussions)
- *Introducing God* – an eight-week course (especially for groups)

9. Lending 'shop' (potential)

The idea has been floated of having a not-for-profit, 'rent'-by-donation 'shop' perhaps in the large storeroom downstairs. This 'shop' would kill 3 birds with one stone: an opportunity for church members to donate unneeded, useable household items and appliances; a service for overseas students to cheaply obtain needed items for their short stays in Brisbane; and an opportunity for the monetary donations to be used for Missions and Evangelism efforts around the world. Such a ministry would need people with entrepreneurial thinking and accounting / legal skills to get started, and volunteers with time to maintain.

10. Marriage Matters (potential)

This potential ministry would seek to help our married couples grow in living out God-honouring communication and relationship patterns within their marriages. It needs people who are passionate about Christian marriage and have a willingness to organise marriage skills sessions, +/- run these with gifts of teaching, shepherding, wisdom and discernment.

11. Men's Ministry (existing coordinator: Daniel Dan)

This potential ministry would organise sessions for our men (from all our fellowship groups) to get together and grow in their knowledge and love for Christ, in a supportive and men-specific atmosphere. It

could involve organizing evangelistic functions for our friends and family, as well as men of the local area.

12. Missions Committee (existing)

This ministry promotes involvement in local and overseas mission to the whole of CCCB so that we will not only be informed but motivated in prayer, caring, giving, and going. Gifts of administration, teaching, creative communication, prayer, leadership, and faith are vital to this ministry.

13. Morning tea (existing; Coordinator: Linda Chia)

Those on this team prepare and serve refreshments after church on a rostered basis. This team seeks to provide a comfortable atmosphere for people (especially visitors and newcomers) to stay behind after the service for meaningful encouragement and interaction with others. Gifts of helps and hospitality are valuable for this ministry.

14. Music (existing; Coordinator: Serene Ting)

The music team is made up of SLE members who have a passion to lead the gathered people of God in worship through song.

a) Musicians (existing)

Musicians can become members of our music teams for Sunday services and other events (eg. evangelistic events, church camps). Musicians should be committed to facilitating corporate worship through music.

b) Vocalists (existing)

Vocalists are members of a band, singing vocals at services. Vocalists have a desire to encourage and assist people in worshipping God through song.

c) Vocal group (potential)

An all-age vocal group could be formed for occasional singing at special occasions. This group would value music and singing and the

role it can play in encouraging and challenging others in their walk with God.

15. Play Group (existing; coordinator: Kelvin Chong)

There is opportunity for mothers and pre-schoolers from SLE and also the St Lucia community to meet together one morning a week in a caring Christian environment. There are great opportunities to build relationships with women who are not Christians, while children play together. Those with a passion for women to know Christ would enjoy serving here. Relational gifts of evangelism, hospitality, and shepherding would be well used, as well as simple availability.

16. PowerPoint (existing; coordinator: Jun Zhang)

Our SLE service uses Microsoft PowerPoint with the church projector. The operators need to set up and organise the smooth working of the PowerPoint during the service. They need to liaise with the tech team, musicians, and pastor prior to the service. The projector needs to be packed away at the conclusion of the service.

17. Prayer ministry (existing / potential)

Prayer undergirds everything we do at SLE – this ministry is the responsibility of all SLEers. There is a prayer meeting on the first Wednesday night of every month to pray for each other, our church and the world around us. We would like to also meet weekly for 15 minutes before the Sunday service (9-9.15am) to pray for the service and the people attending. An SLE prayer coordinator or team would seek to develop a ministry of prayer and to motivate others to do likewise.

18. Property maintenance and development (existing / potential)

Maintaining the church buildings, equipment and property is the responsibility of those who have an interest in building and creating, for organization, for new ideas and gardening. Their gifts lie in the areas of craftsmanship, administration and helps.

19. Tech and Design team (existing and potential)

People with technical and creative skills and experience serve on this team to support the church and its music, sound, and IT needs including developing our website. The Sunday service requires operators to set up sound and recording equipment prior to the service and operate this equipment during the service. Volunteers have an interest and passion for technical excellence and clear communication of God's Word. They use gifts of craftsmanship and creative communication.

Creative designers and/or IT-savvy people are also welcome to join the team of people developing our church logo, website, 'business card', banners and signboards, information leaflets, and one-off invitations to church events.

20. Ushers (existing; coordinator: Uncle Stephen Wee)

Along with the planned-for Welcomers, Ushers are the first point of contact as people enter the church building. The usher's role is to welcome and direct people into church, hand out relevant material (then or during the service), distribute the Communion elements and after the service to count the offering. Ushers serve in teams, each with their own team leader whose role it is to communicate with the day's service leader and ensure their team is functioning effectively.

21. Welcoming (existing; coordinator: Suzanne Liang)

This will be a new, formalized ministry of what some SLEers have already been doing. People on the welcoming team will join with the Ushering team to be the first point of contact as people walk in the door on Sundays. They will have the special responsibility of identifying first-time visitors as well as relative newcomers, ensuring that they are as comfortable as possible at SLE and overseeing their integration into the larger body. We hope to have a welcome morning tea / dinner every 2-3 months to specifically welcome and inform newcomers. The welcoming team would be made up of people with hospitality, encouragement, evangelism and helping gifts.

22. Women's ministry (existing; coordinator: Amanda Teo)

This ministry would seek to challenge our community with the gospel and also to encourage our Christian sisters in their faith. This potential ministry could include organizing evangelistic functions, day and/or weekend conferences, using gifts of hospitality, helps, evangelism,

administration and teaching and needs both a coordinator and willing helpers.

23. Youth Group – for teens (planned for 2008 – coordinators: Steven and Steph Tran)

This ministry seeks growing Christians who have a passion to see high schoolers become solid disciples of Jesus. In youth group, the Bible is taught and leaders seek to develop ongoing relationships with each member in order to train and equip them as disciples of Christ. We hope to have a youth group that hears and grows in the gospel through Bible study discussions, speakers, drama and music. Leaders would serve as discussion leaders, in creative ministries, and in practical help – staffing and administrating the activities, cleaning, setting up and supervising the group.