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**INTENTIONAL
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Senior Pastor's Message

April 2025

With warmest greetings to each of you in the most precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In the previous issue, I had summarized the eight (8) distinctive characteristics of CBC cell groups known as LifeNet Small Groups. I then made the call to invite us to DO LIFE TOGETHER as LifeNet Small Groups in different locations. In this issue, I would like to talk about the four essential functions of a LifeNet Small Group.

Just as a cell is the basic part of a physical body, LifeNet Small Groups are the “Basic Building Blocks” of CBC. The functions / principles of LifeNet Small Groups are shown in the diagram below:



There are FOUR FUNCTIONS / PRINCIPLES of LifeNet Small Groups:

Worship – Building man's relationship with God

Community Life – Building Believer's Relationship with Each Other

Witness – Building Believer's Relationship with the World
Equipping Every Believer – Every Member Serving the Lord

Let me elaborate each one by one.

First Function / Principle of LifeNet Small Groups: Worship – Building Believer's relationship with God

Mark 12:29

The most important commandment – the key relationship that a man has is his relationship with God.

John 15:5

Our relationship with God is the source of our life.

Essential for LifeNet Small Groups to constantly bring people to God.

Let God's Word be the authority in LifeNet Small Groups.

Let the gifts of the Holy Spirit flow through each person so that “God touches each life through one another.”

Spend time praying together.

Be sensitive to what God wants to do in each cell meeting.

Let worship be a time when we are bonded with God.

Colossians 2:6-7

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him.

Second Function / Principle of LifeNet Small Groups: Community Life – Building Believer's Relationship with Each Other

We were created with the ability and necessity to relate to other human beings.

Sin broke this community living, both man-God and man-man relationship.

Jesus came to restore this community living.

The church is the living demonstration that this community has been restored:

- ✓ Early Church has always been a community
- ✓ Based in the home
- ✓ Love was the central theme of the church
- ✓ Unity was the outworking of this love
- ✓ People were amazed at this loving community
- ✓ People were added daily to them
- ✓ Fulfill the words of Jesus, "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples"
- ❑ LifeNet Small Groups live on the cutting edge of the community, becoming effective witness to the world of the life of Christ.
- ❑ It was hard to visualize what early Christianity was like. It was different from the Christianity known to us today. The early Christians had no fine buildings, no hierarchy, no theological seminaries, no Christian colleges, no Sunday Schools, no choirs – only small groups of believers ... The early Christians were not people of standing, prestige and honor. But they had a secret power among them – the secret power resulted from the way in which they are involved one with another.
- ❑ Life Net Small Groups are a love relationship between people. It is not possible to have Life Net Small Groups without Cell Life, where people are involved in doing life with one another with the love of God as the foundation.
- ❑ We must build the Church as Jesus meant it to be – a living demonstration of the life of a loving community that God has created us to live in the first place.
- ❑ Hebrews 10:24-25
 - ✓ Exhort us not to forsake the gathering of ourselves together
 - ✓ Generally applied by most Christians as going regularly to Church – inaccurate interpretation
 - ✓ The context talks about a small group
 - ✓ Speaks of spurring one another to love and good works. Speaks of encouraging one another, and being accountable to one another.
 - ✓ This way of living must take place in the Life Net Small Groups of CBC

- ❑ Never allow Life Net Small Groups to become a program! Never allow Life Net Small Group Meeting be just a meeting!
- ❑ What is community living?
 - ✓ Mutual concern for one another – not just LifeNet Small Group leaders looking after everyone else
 - ✓ Cell Life must extend beyond the regular Life Net Small Group meetings into the daily lives of the members in the group
 - ✓ Opening up our lives to one another and being honest and transparent.
 - ✓ Being accountable to one another
 - ✓ There must be loving care and support for one another
 - ✓ Bringing out the best in one another
 - ✓ Building up one another, both as a group and on a one-to-one basis
 - ✓ To wrestle in prayer for one another. Make sure the members are constantly praying for one another outside Life Net Small Group meetings
 - ✓ Modeling life for one another

Third Function / Principle of LifeNet Small Groups Witness – Building Believer's Relationship with the World

- ❑ Jesus called us to love one another with a purpose.
- ❑ He Himself came to seek and to save those who are lost.
- ❑ It is natural for any group to become inward-looking. An inward-looking group will die.
- ❑ The best place to do evangelism is in Life Net Small Groups. Before most people are ready to examine the Gospel truth, they must first examine the Body of Christ, the life of LifeNet Small Groups.
- ❑ LifeNet Small Groups are the best place for pre-believers to see the people of God functioning as the Body of Christ.
- ❑ To have witnessing LifeNet Small Groups, the LifeNet Small Group leaders need to sow the vision of reaching out to the lost.
- ❑ The 'Mission' time of the LifeNet Small Group meeting must be the most important time and you must be prepared.

Fourth Function / Principle of LifeNet Small Groups **Equipping Every Believer – Every Member Serving the Lord**

- ❑ Ephesians 4:16
The body of Christ will not grow unless each member is playing its part.
The key function of the leaders is to equip God's people for works of service (v.11 & v.12).
- ❑ Everyone must understand this – one of the four key functions of LifeNet Small Groups – Everyone must minister for God. Everyone can minister for God
- ❑ God has given each one enough gifts and abilities to minister. No part of the body of Christ is to remain inactive. This will hurt the whole body.
- ❑ LifeNet Small Group leaders must not do everything in LifeNet Small Groups. Release the members into ministry. Equip them if they do not know how to do it.
- ❑ What should you equip your members to do?
 - ✓ Worship – Train them to build strong relationship with God in their lives
 - ✓ Community Life – Train them to build strong relationships with each other in the LifeNet Small Groups and with other believers across the church
 - ✓ Witness – Train them to witness to pre-believers and to lead others to the Lord
- ❑ LifeNet Small Group leaders must never do the ministry themselves. Always get others to do it with you. When you can delegate, then delegate. When the members cannot do it, then see to it that they are equipped for the ministry situations.

SUMMARY OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE LNG

- ❑ God is always the CENTER of LifeNet Small Groups.
- ❑ Everything we do, we do for the glory of God.
- ❑ God is the source and power of the life of LifeNet Small Groups.
- ❑ Remember the four essential functions of LifeNet

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- ❑ Remember the four essential functions of LifeNet Small Groups:

WORSHIP – Building Believer's Relationship with God

We need to bring people to live their lives from their relationship with God. "I no longer live, but Christ lives in me." LifeNet Small Groups must build people with strong devotion to God.

COMMUNITY LIFE – Building Believers' Relationship with Each Other

The Cell Life is the loving and caring community that God designed for us to live.

WITNESS – Building Believers' Relationship with the World

LifeNet Small Groups must be outward-looking. People must not come back to LifeNet Small Groups to serve the Lord. Their field of service is out there in the world – living for Jesus among pre-believers. LifeNet Small Groups is the place where they are loved, encouraged, trained and sent out to serve the Lord in the workplace, schools, institutions of learning, neighbourhoods, residents association, clubs, social circles and so on.

EQUIPPING EVERY BELIEVER – Every Member Serving the Lord

Everyone must minister. We do not let anyone miss out on the blessings of God that comes when he/she gives his/her life for others.

Therefore, everyone must be equipped to serve.

If you currently are not involved in any LifeNet Small Group, do talk to your pastors / elders / heads of church about getting involved in LifeNet Small Groups. May the Lord encourage us to DO LIFE TOGETHER in the rest of 2025 and beyond.

Theme for 2025 : **A Year of Intentional Discipleship**

Key Verses:

Luke 9:23

*Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves
and take up their cross daily and follow me.*

APRIL

Date	Remark	Sermon Title	Scripture Passage	SEA Park 9am	Subang 9.30am	Puchong 10am	Kota D'sara 9am	KK 10am	Kinrara 11am	Grace 10.30am
Preaching Series 4: The Basic Foundations of Discipleship										
6	Holy Communion	The Importance of Foundation & Repentance from Dead Works	Hebrews 6:1 & Selected Scriptures	Pr Gordon Shum	Pastor Dr Leon Lim	Elder Chan Chew Meng	Pr Yong Zhen Kheng	Pr Malcolm Atkinson	Pr Ivan Mohan	Pr Denly
13		Faith towards God	Hebrews 6:1 & Selected Scriptures	Pr Lim Soon Hock	Deacon Marcus Tan	Pr Malcolm Atkinson	Deacon Laric Cheong	Sn Pastor Reynold Lim	Pr Ivan Mohan	Pr Josephine
20		An Easter Evangelistic Celebration – Resurrection Hope	Luke 24:1-53	Elder Tan Beng Teong	Pastor Dr Leon Lim	Elder Dr Ong See Lian	Pr Yong Zhen Kheng	Bro Thomas Choo	Pr Mano	Pr Barry
Preaching Series 2: A Disciple Follows Christ										
27		Christology - Christ, the Lawgiver and Judge	Selected Scriptures	Pr Gordon Shum	Elder Phua Cheng Khan	Pr Guy Rozario	Deacon Chris Ho	Pr Malcolm Atkinson	Pr Ivan Mohan	Elder Tan Beng Teong



We are a Cell Church which is / 我们是细胞小组教会，以下述为重

- Bible - based
- Christ - centered
- Spirit - filled
- Family - focused
- Mission - involved
- 圣经为根基
- 基督为中心
- 被圣灵充满
- 家庭为焦点
- 投身于宣教

Our Vision / 教会异象

A passionate community of Christ's disciples committed to the Greatest Commandment fulfilling the Great Commission.

建立一个热切委身於大诫命以完成大使命的基督门徒群体。

English Celebrations

SEA Park	9.00am	(Sunday)
Subang	9.30am	(Sunday)
Puchong	10.00am	(Sunday)
Kota Damansara	9.00am	(Sunday)
Kota Kemuning	10.00am	(Sunday)
Sibu	7.00pm	(Saturday)

英文堂会

东南亚花园	早上9时	(星期日)
首邦	早上9时30分	(星期日)
蒲种	早上10时	(星期日)
哥打白沙罗	早上9时	(星期日)
甘文宁镇	早上10时	(星期日)
诗巫	晚上7时	(星期六)

Chinese Celebrations

SEA Park	Mandarin	11.30am	(Sunday)
SEA Park	Cantonese	9.00am	(Sunday)
Puchong	Mandarin	10.00am	(Sunday)
Kota Damansara	Mandarin	11.30am	(Sunday)
Jenjarom	Mandarin	10.00am	(Sunday)
Jenjarom	Hokkien	11.30pm	(Sunday)

中文堂会

东南亚花园	华语堂	早上11时30分	(星期日)
东南亚花园	粤语堂	早上9时	(星期日)
蒲种	华语堂	早上10时	(星期日)
哥打白沙罗	华语堂	早上11时30分	(星期日)
仁嘉隆	华语堂	早上10时	(星期日)
仁嘉隆	福建堂	早上11时30分	(星期日)

Tamil Celebrations

Kinrara	11.00am	(Sunday)
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淡米尔文堂会

金銮镇	早上11时	(星期日)
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Bahasa Celebrations

Shah Alam	10.30am	(Sunday)
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马来文堂会

莎阿南	早上10时30分	(星期日)
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Our Core Values / 我们的核心价值观

- Loving God wholeheartedly
- Loving people practically
- Living a Spirit - empowered life
- 全心爱神
- 实际爱人
- 活出大有圣灵能力的生命

CBC Local Churches 各堂会地址

SEA Park (English, Mandarin, Cantonese) / 东南亚花园 (英, 中, 粤)
107 & 109 Jalan SS2/6, 47300 Petaling Jaya.

Subang (English) / 首邦 (英)
1 & 3 Jalan USJ 3C/3, 47600 Subang Jaya.

Puchong (English) / 蒲种 (英)
20 Jalan PPU 3A, Pusat Teknologi Sinar Puchong,
47150 Puchong.

Puchong (Mandarin) / 蒲种 (中)
4F-04 IOI Business Park, No. 1, Persiaran Puchong Jaya
Selatan, Bandar Puchong Jaya, 47100 Puchong.

Kota Damansara (English, Mandarin) / 哥打白沙罗 (英, 中)
26 & 28 Jalan PJU 5/16, Dataran Sunway, 47810
Kota Damansara.

Kota Kemuning (English) / 甘文宁镇 (英)
2-1C Jalan Anggerik Vanilla Q31/Q, Seksyen 31,
Kota Kemuning, 40460 Shah Alam.

Kinrara (Tamil) / 金銮镇 (淡)
25-1 Jalan DU2/1, Bandar Kinrara 6, Puchong,
47180 Puchong.

Jenjarom (Mandarin, Hokkien) / 仁嘉隆 (中, 福建)
9A Tingkat 1, Jalan Bacang 17, Taman Seri Jarom,
42600 Jenjarom.

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