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# LOUD CHEERS!

## Living Stones Mandarin Service 10th Anniversary Celebration

By Echo Choo

“Let us sing and dance as we rejoice and declare loudly that there is a God!” Amidst the sound of joyful singing, the Living Stones’ 10th Anniversary Celebration Service on 19 September began.

As a Chinese saying goes: “It takes a decade to grow a tree, and a century to nurture a man.” Under God’s leadership, the Living Stones Mandarin Service has, from a tender young seedling, grown in the Lord after going through years of joys and tears, into a tree whose roots are established in the promised land of Canaan. The Lord has shown again that His promises never come to nought!

Over 600 people attended the Celebration Service that day. Among them were more than 60 new visitors to PLMC. Church members and guests all experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit and were touched by the atmosphere of celebration and joy. Those who were interviewed expressed their thoughts of the anniversary service. Some were deeply moved by the worship, some were enlightened by the sermon, while others were impressed with how the dream of producing our own CD album materialised. Indeed, what started as a gentle prompting has now become a CD album of tunes that delight every listener. Yet again, it



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## 大声欢呼！ 活石崇拜十周年庆典

王海妮

“我们一起唱吧跳吧，大声欢呼，世界有位神！”伴随着欢快喜乐的歌声，活石崇拜在9月19日掀开了她十周年庆典的序幕。

俗话说“十年树木，百年树人”。在神的引领下，活石的这十年由“萌芽初长”的稚嫩，经历“主里成长”的欢呼与泪水，终于成材，扎根站立在了“仰



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proves that regardless of how big a man's dream may be, God will always be greater than that, as there is nothing He cannot accomplish.

Being PLMC's ministry to the Mandarin speaking congregation, Living Stones has arrived at its first milestone of a decade.

But we recognise that its journey to bring the gospel to the Mandarin speaking population has only just begun. Though the road ahead is long, we firmly believe that God will continue to guide us with His mighty hand. In the decades that follow, He has already prepared countless miracles for His children. As

long as we continue to live in His will and submit to His leading, we will be able to witness these miracles!

*"... so that people may see and know, may consider and understand, that the hand of the Lord has done this, that the Holy One of Israel has created it." ~ Isaiah 41:20*



望应许”的迦南地。上帝再一次向世人证明 -- 祂的应许永不落空!

当天参加庆典的人数超过600人，其中有60多位朋友是第一次来到本堂。无论是本堂的会友还是受邀前来的嘉宾，大家都被庆典会场那浓浓的欣喜欢乐的气氛所打动，深切地感受到了圣灵的同在。受访的会众纷纷表达了他们对这次周年庆的感想。他们有

的被敬拜赞美的部分深深打动，有的从牧师的证道中得到领悟，更多的是对介绍专辑制作的部分印象深刻。是啊，专辑的源起是出自于雅春传道心中的一个小小的感动，如今却成为确实实摆在众人目前的一张专辑，一首首传入每个人耳中的美妙旋律。这再次向世人证明了：无论人的梦想有多大，神永远大于这一切，在祂没有难成的事!

作为巴耶利峇堂的华语事工，活石来到了十年的第一个里程碑，但我们深知：活石把福音带入华语族群的征途才刚刚开始。前路虽漫漫，我们坚信上帝会继续以祂大能的手牵引着我们。在接下来无数个十年中，祂已经为祂的孩子们安排了无数个神迹，只要我们继续活在祂的心意里面，继续顺服于祂的带领，我们将把这些奇迹一一见证!



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# Living Stones 10th Anniversary Reflections:

## 活石十周年庆典感想：

During the Anniversary Celebration, I am most impressed with the video clip which showed how brother 长春 accepted Christ. I hope more elderly will accept our Lord Jesus Christ too.

我对周年庆典印象最深刻的是短片播放中介绍长春弟兄如何接受主的部分。盼望更多老一辈的人接受主。  
— So Sim Khoon

I am touched during the worship. I hope Living Stones can continue to live out the 'Great Mission'.

唱诗歌的部分最使我感动，希望活石能够继续活出“大使命”。  
— 黄玉霞

I am touched by the sermon. I pray that Living Stones will continue to grow and bring God's blessings to others.

牧师的讲道使我感动，希望活石继续成长，有更多的人接受神的祝福。  
— 郑展鸿

Pastor's sermon left a great impression on me. I hope that Living Stones will thrive and more people can come to know our Lord through its ministry.

我对牧师的讲道印象深刻，希望活石越来越好，有更多人认识主。  
— 李霞

I am touched by the album special presentation. May the Church continue to prosper and all followers to grow stronger in their faith.

专辑介绍的部分最使我感动，愿教会越来越兴旺，祝信徒们的信心越来越大。  
— Tracy 杨静

I am touched during worship. May Living Stones continue to prosper.

唱诗歌的部分使我感动，希望活石越来越兴旺。  
— Florence 王海蒂

I am touched by the story behind the album. May God continue to pour His blessings upon us.

介绍专辑制作的部分使我感动，希望上帝的恩典继续加添给我们。  
— Kelvin 潘赐麟



Our Pastor-in-Charge said, "Persevere; God will provide." I hope that in the next 10 years, Living Stones will grow and fill the Chapel.

主理牧师说，“要坚持，上帝一定会供应。”希望未到十年，活石崇拜的人能坐满圣所。  
— Lee Chin Leong 李青龙

I have been with Living Stones for 10 years and have experienced God's faithfulness. From the beginning to the end of the celebration, I am constantly touched and am thankful to God.

我来了活石十年，体会到上帝的信实。从庆典开始到结束，我内心一直都很感动和感恩。  
— Elaine 萧凤

I am touched to see God's leading in the completion of the CD album. I desire to see the gospel being brought to more pre-believers.

最使我感动的是看到上帝带领大家把专辑制做好。希望福音能够传给更多未信主的人。  
— Koh Chew Song 许秋松



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## The Album Production Story



“The inspiration to produce an album came in 2007 during one Sunday worship. It seemed impossible to me at that point as we did not have the resources to do it. Nevertheless, I whispered to the Lord that it was my desire to do this. I wanted to be able to offer Him songs written and sung by members of Living Stones, reflecting our journey as a congregation, as an act of thanksgiving to Him. In mid 2009, while I was asking God how we should commemorate the 10th Anniversary

celebration, the Holy Spirit reminded me of the Album project. I felt then that it was the right time to share this dream with the worship team. It took great faith and courage to do so. Praise the Lord! The team’s response was positive and heartening!” - *Judith Chua*

Over a period of three months (Jul – Sep 2009), a focus group comprising six worship leaders and musicians met regularly to pray over the project and to deliberate over the details of the album. Through God’s inspiration, by end 2009, there were 18 new songs written by Living Stones’ worshippers. Mirroring the diversity of the congregation, the songs cover a wide range of genres, from traditional Chinese to swing. All the songs reflect the faith and love in the same God whom the songwriters worship and serve.

The team then started jamming and

praying over which songs to go into the album. Nine songs were selected and arranged, and the song “It’s the Lord!” was to be the theme song, as it aptly described the reason behind the whole project. Studio recording then followed. A team of singers and musicians dedicated their weekends in the studio to record their parts of the songs. It was a daunting experience for most people as it was their first time doing this. The age range of the team is quite astonishing, ranging from 5-year-old Jessie to 60-year-old Simon!

*Those who would like to bless others with a copy of the CD may collect it from the Contact Point at the Fellowship Hall after the Sunday services. Photos for the Living Stones 10th Anniversary Celebration Service are available for viewing and downloading at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/plmcl/sets/72157624910661473/>.*



# Whole Heart – Combined Worship & Music Ministry Retreat

By Andy Toh

More than 130 people who regularly served in the Worship & Music Ministry at both the Sanctuary and Celebration Services came together with a WHOLE HEART on 18 Sep 2010 for their 1st ever Combined Retreat at PLMC.

Nobody can dismiss the fact that the planning, programme and participation were carried out with every bit of heart, soul, mind and strength. Reflecting and praising God for our journey together, and fostering closer bonds within and across the services, it was a fruitful and fulfilled retreat for all.



## True Hearted Moments

All were splendidly surprised by the unconventional seating arrangement at the start which encouraged spontaneous ice-breakers amongst themselves. It proved to be a welcoming gesture.



The worship experience had mixed components of traditional and celebration styles to expose and enhance all in our varied way of connection with God.

# Whole Heart – Combined Worship & Music Ministry Retreat

Rev Dr Jonathan Seet thanked the whole ministry who had been faithfully serving the Lord, reiterating the importance of a servant's heart in all that we are and in all that we do. He went on to elaborate that worship is a dialogue, where God reveals and we respond, and is expressed in the liturgy of our worship. He then exhorted how our love for God and one another can be expressed, developed and cultivated through 10 spiritual disciplines.



## 10 Spiritual Disciplines

- Heart** – discipline of worship
- Soul** – discipline of surrender through prayer, fasting & silence
- Mind** – discipline of the study of God's Word
- Strength** – discipline of serving – discipline of giving
- SH** – discipline of social holiness
- E** – discipline of evangelism & missions
- L** – discipline of love and forgiveness
- F** – discipline of fellowship
- Self** – discipline of rest



Faith without action is futile. So is learning without sharing. In groups of not more than four persons, we shared our personal takeaway points and action steps, spending time to pray for one another and the whole ministry.

## Light Hearted Moments

We were all treated to spontaneous off-the-cuff testimonies from various individuals. The audience received with oos and ahhs (appreciation), haha and hoho (laughter) when they responded to questions like what led them to serve in the ministry, how they feel serving in their role, how they may

encourage others to serve, and a few candid questions. It is noteworthy to reveal that many family members were serving together too in the ministry. Comments like, "O I never know they were related!" started to echo for the less obvious ones.



## Whole Heart – Combined Worship & Music Ministry Retreat

Suddenly all the disciplines were forgotten during the Teambuilding game, where each group was challenged to build a Lego model revealed partially each time. It was all conducted in the name of creative fun and teamwork nonetheless. The intensity and ingenuity expressed clearly demonstrated how they have been serving in the ministry.



## Cross Hearted Moments



Audio. Choir. Dance. Floral. HC Helpers. HC Stewards. Musicians. Singers, Ushers. Visual. Worship Leaders. Each team reflected on their celebrations and challenges, before sharing their best practices with similar ones from the other service group. Many got away with fresh ideas and new perspectives serving in their role.

Though some shared almost comprehensively, it was good to note the heart expressed by each individual group when all came together to hear their presentation. Many appreciated listening to the functions, responsibilities, and concerns of the other groups. Even though we are in the same ministry, it

is in retreats like these that we have the opportunity to interact with and listen to one another. The leaders are entrusted to follow up on some these points raised.

## Whole Hearted Experience

The retreat was not just an event but an experience and expression of our ministry together. As depicted in the retreat logo, the many rising hands of colourful hearts at the bottom portray the collective effort from different talented and functional groups of both the Sanctuary and Celebration Services, coming together for a common goal of serving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. The mix of outstretched hands with uncontainable joy demonstrates the vitality and energy

that shake the rhythmic WHOLE HEART to life!



We thank God for the wholehearted experience, ever stirring us to serve Him wholeheartedly.

# Ohana Church Camp 2011

12-15 June

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2011年6月12-15日



Do You  
**Thirst**  
for GOD?  
Psalm 63:1  
您 渴慕 上帝吗?  
诗篇63:1

## Worship & Music Ministry Recruitment 2010

The Worship & Music Ministry is recruiting! If you can sing or dance or play a musical instrument or take picture or have a gift in hospitality etc, and would like to serve the Lord with this blessed gift, then here is an opportunity for you!

### Areas of service:

- Usher
- Singer (Choir/Backup Vocalist)
- Audio
- Musician
- Projection & Camera
- Dance
- Floral Arrangement
- G Major Ensemble
- Holy Communion Preparation Helper
- String & Wind Ensemble

For more information or to sign up, contact Susanna at susanna@plmc.org or 6285 1234.

O God, you are my God,  
Earnestly I seek you;  
My soul thirsts for you,  
My body longs for you,  
In a dry and weary land  
Where there is no water.  
- Psalm 63:1

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### Sunday Services

- 7.30 am Peranakan Service (Sanctuary)
- 9.00 am Sanctuary Service / Living Stones Mandarin Service (Chapel)
- 10.30 am Filipino Fellowship (Conference Room)  
Except every 1st Sunday of each month
- 11.00 am The Next Generation Youth Service, PLMGSS Concert Hall, Lor Ah Soo
- 11.15 am Celebration Service (Sanctuary) / Living Stones Mandarin Service (Covenant Chapel)

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### Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Sonshine Kids Outreach	13, 20, 27	Membership Class
2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Peranakan Fellowship	16, 23, 30	Baptism Class (Mand)
3	PIC-Cell Leaders Meeting	22, 23, 24	Connecting Camp
5, 12	Intercessors' Meeting	26	LCEC Meeting