



30 July 2023

Dear Members and Friends

**PLEDGE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR FY23/24 (AUGUST 2023 TO JULY 2024)**

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*“After Moses stayed on Mt. Sinai longer than expected, the Israelites decided they would make their own god. Aaron went along with the plan and created a golden calf idol. After proclaiming the calf as their god, the Israelites worshipped the calf through sexual immorality, typical of pagan practice.”  
(The paraphrase of Exodus 32:1-6)*

As we look forward to the new financial year seeking the provision of God for the ministry of His Church, KKMC, the passage above reminds us of two essential lessons concerning our source of finances i.e., the “gold”. First is **the Provision of “Gold”**. It is bewildering to believe that the slaves set free were endowed with the gold of their former masters. It was a miracle for the poor Israelites to possess the gold of the Egyptians when they escaped from the land of slavery. Over the years, with God’s provision of better education, opportunities and resources, our standard of living has improved. Like many churches, KKMC has been blessed with God’s provisions from generation to generation.

Besides the provision of gold, the second lesson is **the Elevation of “Gold”**. It is a warning that we may turn gold into gods. The gold was supposed to be used to construct the Tabernacle, but the Israelites used it to build their various gods. We were told that when gold became gods, the people succumbed to all kinds of sinful practices through sexual immorality. As a result, we are told in the subsequent passage; God’s judgement came upon these people when three thousand Israelites were struck down on the same day. Likewise, when societies today elevate gold and deviate from God, the morality of the people declines rapidly. We can be sure of God’s judgement on those who replace Him with His provision.

Therefore, it is a blessing to receive the provision of gold from God, but it can also be a curse when we turn gold into gods. Faced with the double-edged sword of gold, we should be very careful in using the gold that God has entrusted us. Do we consciously worship God with His gold? Or do we use gold to create and control God?

As the Church focuses on the theme **“Together We Grow + Serve”**, we trust God for His provision through each one of us when we present our “gold” to build the “Tabernacle” of God, physically and spiritually. Therefore, giving is God’s provision of worship when we return the gold God has entrusted us for His Church.

After three years, by the grace of God, we have come out of the COVID-19 pandemic. The increased expenditures from the resumption of ministry activities were encouraging signs of recovery. Most ministries have regained the momentum to grow disciples and serve the community. But the Church faces significant challenges to sustain the ministries’ work as overall donations, contributions, tithes and offerings to the Church remained flat and unchanged while costs have increased significantly due to inflation. As a result, for the financial year FY22/23 ending 31 July 2023, the Church is projected to incur a net operating deficit of approximately **\$439,000**. Therefore, as we approach the new financial year for FY23/24 (1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024), we urge the Church to turn the “gold” God has entrusted to you into good use for the “Tabernacle” of God so that Together We Grow + Serve for the glory of God. We prayerfully ask for you to give generously so that the Church ministry may continue, and many lives may return to Jesus.

By faith, the Church Leaders have approved the FY23/24 budget expenditure of **\$3.95 million**, to support the Church’s ministries and work. Allocation of budget for FY22/23 (forecasted) and FY23/24 (planned) may be found on page 2 of this letter. As we continue to trust God for His provision for the financial needs of our Church, let each one of us do our part with our pledges and offerings.

We will be observing **Pledge Sunday on 6 August 2023**. As you prayerfully pledge to give, please return your completed Pledge Card to the church office or complete the online form found at [www.kkmc.org.sg/give](http://www.kkmc.org.sg/give) by **31 August 2023**.

You may wish to consider a tithe of **10% of your income** as a good guide to pledge. And whenever God blesses you and your family in the course of the year, we prayerfully ask that you **consider giving more** to the Church in gratitude to God as an offering.

You can fulfil your pledges and offerings as follows:

- a) **Internet banking** to Kampong Kapor Methodist Church’s **OCBC** Account - "**Kampong Kapor Methodist Church**"; Bank Code/Branch Code: **7339 / 695** – A/c No: **695457721001**; and in the ‘Reference’ field, state your Name and the Purpose of the funds transfer (e.g. Pledges, Offerings, Donation, etc.)
- b) **PayNow** to KKMC's UEN: **S87CC0537K**, and the Church's name ‘Kampong Kapor Methodist Church’ will appear. Do indicate under "Remarks" your Name and the Purpose of the funds transfer (e.g. Pledges, Offerings, Donation, etc.)
- c) **Crossed cheque** to be made out to **Kampong Kapor Methodist Church** and mailed to **1 Kampong Kapor Rd, Singapore 208673** and on the back of the cheque, kindly state your Name, Telephone number and the Purpose of the payment (e.g. Pledges, Offerings, Donation, etc.)

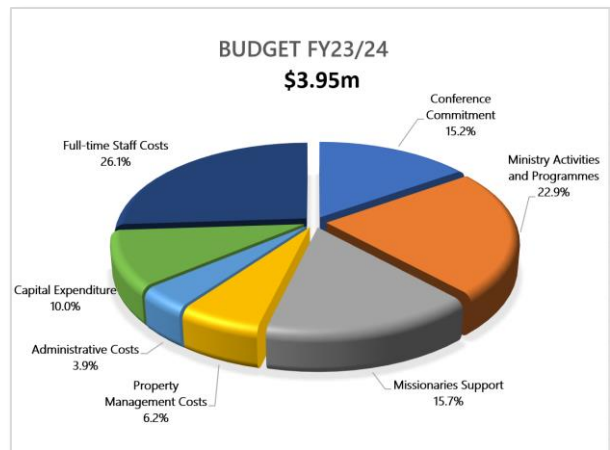
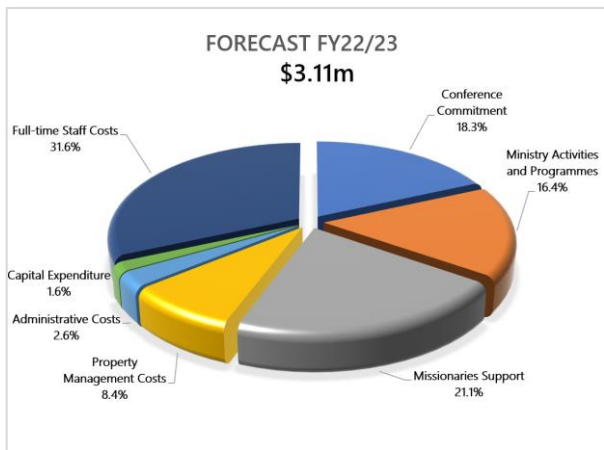
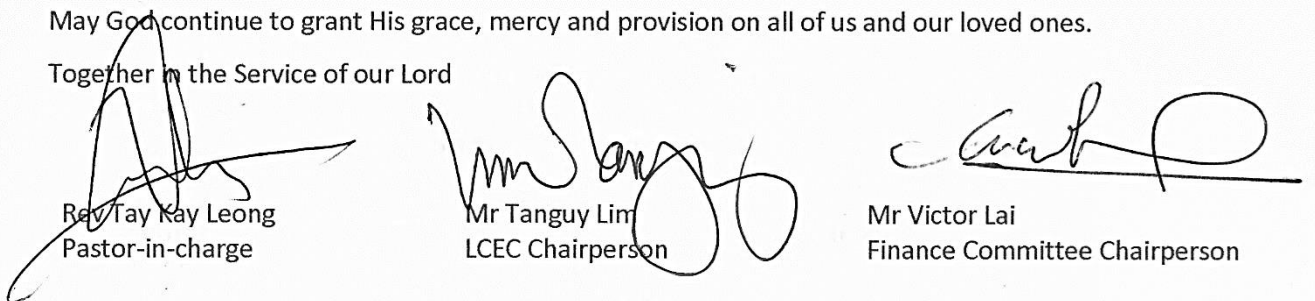
The Church will send an acknowledgment of the funds transfer/payment set-up by email or by post for the first transaction in the following month.

Those of us who attend Worship Services on-site may fulfil our pledge commitments and contribute offerings by dropping them into the Offering Boxes at the entrances to the Church Sanctuary.

In accordance with the provisions of the Personal Data Protection Act, we will need members/friends and their spouse (*if combining pledges*) to sign the Pledge Card to authorise the Church to collect, use or disclose their personal data for purposes of maintaining and updating the Church’s records in respect of their pledge for FY23/24. Please be assured that your pledges will remain strictly confidential.

May God continue to grant His grace, mercy and provision on all of us and our loved ones.

Together in the Service of our Lord



*“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”*

2 Cor 9:7-8