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SNCF 60th Anniversary Celebration 16th October 2020

A very warm welcome to one and all : members and friends of Singapore Nurses Christian Fellowship, to celebrate the 60 years of God's faithfulness in sustaining SNCF! This evening, we have with us, thanks to the ZOOM platform, friends from near and far! We are so glad to have with us NCFI Vice President Anne Biro, and several sisters and brothers in Christ from PACEA and the other five Regions.

Tonight will go down in the history of SNCF as the most amazing gathering of God's faithful: His saints from across generations, from across the world, sharing the same faith in our Almighty God and sharing the passion for nursing, sharing the same mission to be witnesses of Jesus Christ in the health field. God has been at work at SNCF and through SNCF. Hallelujah! Celebrating the blessings of God is wonderful therapy for the spirit indeed!

We acknowledge it is our Elohim God who presides over all creation, our personal Jehovah God who knows the most intimate details of our hearts and minds, and our Adonai God who surrounds us with love, protection, wisdom and strength, who made all this possible.

He alone will be our source of strength going into the next 60 years and more! Romans 8:32 tells us receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour makes us recipients of even more than eternal salvation.

We go through different seasons of our lives – the younger among us are growing in their careers and family life, the more senior among us have been enjoying their retirement and a slower pace of relating to significant people in their lives. However, the pride in who we are is not a part of our past, our identity in Christ defines our present and our future! Being able to live a victorious life is God's desire for all His children (Psalm 60:12)

Indeed, many of us experience more trials and tribulations than we thought we can bear. But God declared He has overcome the world (John 16:33). SNCF exist to support Christian nurses in their walk as they care for others. We join God in His work to minister to His children and to bring others into His Kingdom. We must pause and reflect on the power and majesty and love of God, count our blessings and name them one by one.

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SNCF MOTTO	One in Christ	SNCF MISSION STATEMENT	SNCF seeks to bring Jesus Christ to nurses, equipping and helping them find meaning and purpose in their work.
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SNCF has evolved over the 60 years. The passionate bravado of our pioneers had launched SNCF at Singapore's tumultuous time of the 60s, God blessed the work of His saints as they carried out His assignments, remaining steadfast in its mission. The twenty years of Foreign Nurses Ministry was an amazing feat – with Ms Roselin Liew as CNO and Mrs Margaret Liew as Deputy CNO, I felt they were the Esthers - that they were there "for such a time as this". Some of those who benefitted from this Ministry have returned to serve in SNCF – e.g. Xiangbing, Dandan, Yapei, Catherine Dong, XiaoJuan. We are so grateful for our partner churches in this ministry – some of you present tonight come from those churches – thank you for joining us!

Rejoicing in what God is doing is a way of worshipping him! It is an act of obedience and a sacrifice of praise. He gives each of us the essentials of life, to provide the strength we need to serve him.

I thank each of you for making this celebration so meaningful. I want to thank Kim Choo and the organising committee for gathering and putting together pieces of the big 60-year history jigsaw puzzle for this event, Serene for patiently stitching the presentation into being, and the team that will give us the souvenir magazine after this event. I thank Henry Tang and his team for leading us in an uplifting time of praise and worship. I want to thank many others who have contributed in so many ways to make possible what we have tonight.

The presence of each one is God's gift to validate the existence of SNCF.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. I Cor 5:57

Tan Wee King
President, SNCF

Postscript: "May those who come behind us find us faithful" by Don Moen echoes my feelings as we celebrate 60 years of God's faithfulness.



SNCF Nurses Day Devotion : 3 August 2020

Christian Nurses: From Angels to Saints

(an excerpt of the devotion by Dr Chia Yen Yen)

(SNCF member)



My devotion today focuses on living as saints for the Lord. The title **does not** suggest that Christian nurses can **no longer** associate themselves with the common representation: 'angels in white'. I suppose this is the legacy of the past, when nuns first attended to the sick before nurses ever existed or the white uniforms worn by nurses in the past.

On the contrary, I would like to suggest that nurses who are faithful followers of Christ identify with saints, more so than with angels.

Angels are to serve us as Hebrews 1:14 ESV says

'Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?'

We are the saints who are meant to bring the Kingdom of God into this world, just as Jesus did.

EVERY DAY SAINTS IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD, NOT NEAR BUT NOW

To Paul, saints were the most ordinary of followers in Christ. In his time, saints need not be canonised with the special title after they had died and having proven to have performed a heroic act or miracle.

I emphasise that we do not need to aspire to be celebrity Christians with superstar status. Also, scriptures show that the appearance of angels happened every now and then. They are not every day occurrences. They work behind the scenes in the spiritual realm.

The next verses from Ephesians 4:11-13 shows what saints should be doing:

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

So important are the saints to God that He Himself gave the offices or roles of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip the saints. The saints are for the work of the ministry. I am of the view that nursing is work of the ministry but Christian nurses have an additional responsibility. As believers of Christ, we minister to each other so that we can edify one another.

This is what SNCF is for and we give thanks for 60 years of faithfulness serving the body of Christ in this fellowship. May we continue to believe that God wants us to attain 'the stature of the fullness of Christ'.

To me, this is why I think the Lord taught us to pray **'Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'** We, in SNCF and Christians are to be the answered prayer.

REPRESENTATION OF GOD HIMSELF, NOT ANGELS

How do we then live so that we are representations of God to the world He loves so much, and people who have not yet seen Him as their spiritual eyes are still closed?

Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:4-6 NKJV

In these two verses, there is only 1 'should' for us to follow. Other verbs like 'chose'; 'predestined'; 'made'; 'accepted' and 'adopted' were all done by Jesus Christ 'Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace.' So He did everything needed, so we just need to respond by loving Him so much that we want to be holy and without blame, just like Him.

Therefore, be imitators of God as [His] dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. For ... now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. Ephesians 5:1-2, 8-10 NKJV

What is your response to our God who first loved us that He adopted us to give us a new identity and to be joined with Him supernaturally in spiritual lineage? A new spiritual DNA for a new creation? Does His love, so sacrificially given to us, compel us to reciprocate His love, by being 'set apart' just for His pleasure, just for His service? He called us **to seek first** His Kingdom and His Righteousness on this earth as it is heaven.

All praise and glory to our Lord that He made us saints, not angels. Even angels envy us as we are made in Christ, to be in His likeness. So fellow saints in SNCF, Happy Nurses Day 2020, be filled with His Joy to bring joy to all whom you minister at work, play and rest.

To God be the glory, great things He has done! Hallelujah. Amen.

Acknowledgements from John Piper's teaching in *Desiring God.Org* [2020]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SNCF 62nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE : **Saturday 16th January 2021**

TIME : 3:30PM (Fellowship)

4PM (AGM)

VENUE : Zoom

Zoom link will be provided nearer to date.

Note that this is a member-only event.

Do not share the Zoom link (that will be sent to you) with others.

POST READY TO JUMP (RTJ) Support Group

DATE : 3rd Saturday of Every Month

TIME : 10AM to 11:30AM

VENUE: Zoom

Please whatsapp Janet Kong hp:93925800 to register or enquiry.



MONTHLY PRAYER MEETINGS

CENTRAL and EASTERN REGION

Date : 1st Monday of Every Month Time : 7pm

Zoom ID : 861 2667 0004 Password: Psalm 23

WESTERN REGION

Date: 2nd Thursday of Every Month Time : 7.30pm

Venue : Blk 106, Bukit Batok Central, #04-221, (S650106)

St. LUKE's HOSPITAL FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Date : 4th Thursday of Every Month Time : 3pm – 4pm

Contact : Joy Lim Tel: 91548850

KHOO TECK PUAT FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Date : 3rd Wednesday of Every Month Time : 6pm – 7pm

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Please note there will be no meetings at our workbase at Fairfield Methodist Church premises and our office will also remain closed until further notice. We will continue to work from home.

Meanwhile, stay safe, stay healthy and stay at home as much as possible.

God bless.