

# The XChange

Sponsored by the  
Seventh-day Adventist Church

*A Ministry in the Kariong Community*

## **Mission Statement**

“Impacting Kariong for Jesus Christ”

## **Our Biblical Mandate**

Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 15:19, 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

## **Our Purpose**

**A Life of Worship:** Matthew 22:37 “... Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”

Our philosophy of ministry is the vehicle we use to meet our purpose

## **Our Philosophy of Ministry**

### **Grace**

1 Peter 3:21 “And that waterA Life of Worship is a picture of baptism, which now saves you, not by removing dirt from your body, but as a response to God from a clean conscience. It is effective because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

We worship God **because** He has extended Grace to each one of us and we have individually received it. We have abandoned all attempts to earn God’s favour through accomplishments of our own. We find security only through Christ’s sacrificial death on our behalf.

In obedience to Christ’s command, we have undergone water Baptism as believers, giving outward witness to the inner cleansing and renewal experienced in Him.

### ***Next Steps***

Discover your church workshop

Discover biblical principles workshop

## **Groups**

Acts 2:46-47 “They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.”

We worship God **in** groups. We are connected relationally by small groups for the purpose of discipleship, leadership and multiplication and corporate gatherings for the purpose of community, teaching and worship.

We honour God’s call to participate in community in order to grow in Christlikeness, to express and receive love and to carry out the ministry of the church.

Christ followers also:

Pursue Christ-honoring relationships at home, within the church and in the marketplace, and are committed to pursuing the biblical pattern of reconciliation when conflict arises.

Support the leadership of the church and are biblically submissive to it. affirm and uphold the fundamental truths of Scripture and refrain from promoting other doctrines in ways that cause dissension

### ***Next steps***

Participation plus

## **Gifts**

1 Peter 4:10 “God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.”

We worship God **using** the abilities and gifts God has equipped us with.

We recognise that the church is composed of interdependent members, each uniquely gifted by the Holy Spirit for the purpose of building up the people within the church and furthering the ministry of the church.

We therefore seek to discover, develop and deploy those God-given gifts and to seek a place to serve within the church, with the support and affirmation of the church.

### ***Next Steps***

Network

## **Good stewardship**

Philippians 4:12-13 “I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.”

We worship God with **what** we have. We realise that we have been bought with the price of Christ’s blood, and that everything we are and have belongs to Him. In light of this, we desire to be responsible caretakers of the material resources that God has entrusted to us. We recognise the tithe (10% of one’s earnings) as the historic standard of giving in Scripture. But moreover, in response to Christ’s abundant giving, we increasingly submit our resources to God and display a spirit of generosity and cheerfulness in supporting the work of the church.

We will offer appropriate stewardship of our time, relationships, ideas and skills as a commitment to our church and fellow workers.

### *Next steps*

Financial planning

Wholistic stewardship workshop

## **Growth**

Ephesians 4:13 “...until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.”

The **outcome** of worshipping God is growth. We know the grace of God that saved us is only the beginning of God’s work in us. We gratefully respond by actively pursuing a lifelong process of spiritual growth in Christ and seek to become more like Him. To this end, we consistently nurture our spiritual development through prayer, worship and Bible study.

We regard the Bible as the final authority in all areas that it teaches about and desire to be wholly obedient to it. We honestly confront areas of personal sin and engage the Holy Spirit’s power in seeking to turn from sin.

We desire to extend the grace we’ve received to others through personal evangelism and participation in the collective ministry of the church in their community, their country and around the world

### *Next steps*

Spiritual practices workshop

Ordinary day with Jesus seminar

## **Our Core Values**

<b>Love</b>	Matthew 22:37-39 “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”
<b>Justice</b>	Matthew 5:6 “God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied.”
<b>Peace</b>	Matthew 5:9 “God blesses those who work for peace”
<b>Holy Living</b>	Matthew 5:16 “Let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”
<b>Integrity &amp; Authenticity</b>	Matthew 5:37 “Just say a simple, ‘Yes, I will,’ or ‘No, I won’t.’”
<b>Connection with God</b>	Matthew 4:10 “You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.”
<b>Priority With God</b>	Matthew 16:26 “Is anything worth more than your soul?”
<b>Biblical Literacy</b>	Matthew 19:4, 22:29 “Haven’t you read the Scriptures? ... Your mistake is that you don’t know the Scriptures.”
<b>Faith in God</b>	Matthew 9:29, 17:20, 19:26 “Because of your faith, it will happen. You don’t have enough faith ... if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed ... nothing would be impossible. But with God everything is possible.”

## **Character Traits for All Leadership**

<b>Merciful &amp; grace giving</b>	Matthew 5:7, 7:1 “God blesses those who are merciful ... do not judge others, and you will not be judged.”
<b>Reconciliatory</b>	Matthew 5:24 “Go and be reconciled.”
<b>Diligent</b>	Matthew 7:7 “Keep on asking ... keep on seeking ... keep on knocking.”
<b>Teachable</b>	Matthew 7:24 “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise.”
<b>Courageous</b>	Matthew 10:16, 28 “Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves ... Don’t be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul.”
<b>Accepting</b>	Matthew 12:50 “Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother!”
<b>Surrendered</b>	Matthew 16:24 “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me.”
<b>Repentant</b>	Matthew 18:3 “I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven.”
<b>Humble</b>	Matthew 23:12 “But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”
<b>Servant minded</b>	Matthew 20:26-27 “But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave.”