

**AMP 10-25-15 | 9:00 - 9:30am**

**Today's Service**

- That God would draw unsaved people to our service and into his kingdom. Pray especially for those that reached by Robert's tract ministry.
- That Pastor Jon would preach in God's power as he is preaching on Community & Diversity at Christ's Church in Queens, on how we function as a church.
- That God's presence would be palpable and that all in attendance would be changed by the goodness, power, and love of God.

**RPC Outreach**

- That we the people of RPC would desire to be a word and deed church.
- That God would open up great and lasting opportunities of community service for RPC.
- The Organization Service of Reformation Presbyterian Church will be Saturday, November 14 at the Flushing Chinese United Methodist Church in Queens Village. At this service, Tom Harmon will be ordained and installed as Elder and Jon Shishko will be installed as Pastor. Pray that it will be well attended and an encouraging time for all as we start life as a particular church in the OPC.

**Regional Church**

- Pray for the other churches of our presbytery: Westminster Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Jonathan Holst (Hamden, CT); Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Bohemia, Meindert Ploegman (Bohemia, NY); Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Franklin Square, William Shishko (Franklin Square, NY), Trinity Church, Ben Miller (Syosset, NY), Westchester Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Dan Osborne (Mt. Vernon, NY).

**Samoa | Basic Country Facts:**

**Operation World Denomination Statistics**



Christians	Deno ms	Pop %	Affiliates	Ann Gr
<b>Protestant</b>	73	4.58	222,000	2.1%
<b>Independent</b>	91	2.99	145,000	4.7%
<b>Anglican</b>	1	1.12	54,000	2.5%
<b>Catholic</b>	1	3.62	175,000	1.6%
<b>Orthodox</b>	7	0.06	3,000	1.1%
<b>Marginal</b>	12	0.15	7,000	3.6%
<b>Unaffiliated</b>		3.52	170,000	7.2%

**Ethnic Breakdown:** Chinese 74.2%, Malay 13.3%, Indian 9.2%, other 3.3% (2013 est.)

**Major Languages:** Mandarin (official) 36.3%, English (official) 29.8%, Malay (official) 11.9%, Hokkien 8.1%, Tamil (official) 4.4%, Cantonese 4.1%, Teochew 3.2%, other Indian languages 1.2%, other Chinese dialects 1.1%, other 1.1% (2010 est.)

**Religion:** Buddhist 33.9%, Muslim 14.3%, Taoist 11.3%, Catholic 7.1%, Hindu 5.2%, other Christian 11%, other 0.7%, none 16.4% (2010 est.)

**Population:** 5,674,472 (July 2015 est.)

**Life Expectancy:** male: 82.06 years female: 87.5 years (2015 est.)

**Government:** parliamentary republic

**Economic Conditions:** Singapore has a highly developed and successful free-market economy. It enjoys a remarkably open and corruption-free environment, stable prices, and a per capita GDP higher than that of most developed countries. The economy depends heavily on exports, particularly in consumer electronics, information technology products, pharmaceuticals, and on a growing financial services sector. Singapore has attracted major investments in pharmaceuticals and medical technology production and will continue efforts to establish Singapore as Southeast Asia's financial and high-tech hub.

**GDP Per Capita:** \$82,800 (2014 est.)

**GDP - composition, by sector of origin:** agriculture: 1.3% industry: 14.8% services: 83.9%

**Education:** Education for primary, secondary, and tertiary levels is mostly supported by the state. All institutions, private and public, must be registered with the Ministry of Education. English is the language of instruction in all public schools, and all subjects are taught and examined in English except for the "mother tongue" language paper. Singaporean students consistently rank in the top five in the world in the two major international assessments of mathematics and science knowledge. The country's two main public universities — the National University of Singapore and Nanyang Technological University — are among the top 50 in the world. (wiki)

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**State of the Church:** The growth of the church in Singapore has been steady and sustained since 1970. Evangelicals in particular increased 20-fold from 1960-2010. 1 out of 13 people in Singapore is now evangelical. Singapore is now a strategic hub for missionary activity and mission sending. Many regard it as the Antioch of Asia. Many of these missions are disaster relief and medical missions (OW)

**Prayer Points:**

- Singaporean society is built on dedicated labour, discipline and self-reliance. These engender stability, good governance and a corruption-resistant culture, but also an emphasis on performance and wealth. Materialism has noticeably increased. Much of Singapore's affluence is now dependent on imported labour from poorer countries; entire sectors of the nation's economy would collapse without it. Pray for justice and fair treatment for all those from abroad; despite good legal safeguards, exploitation does exist. Pray that churches might become more active in assisting those at risk. Pray also that the admirable strengths of Singapore might not in themselves become idols. (OW 1)
- The increase of the Church's size and impact brings challenges. Pray for the following concerns:
  - a) Coping with affluence. There is the threat that believers mistake riches for spirituality and trade discipleship for wealth management. Many young Christians become inactive once they marry and become enmeshed in the materialistic "rat race" for the "five Cs": career, cash, car, club and condo.
  - b) Spiritual pride is a constant temptation for such an influential, affluent Church. The same traits of sophistication and success that draw much of cosmopolitan Singapore to Christianity could be the very things that cripple and undermine it. The poor and working classes (heartlanders) are significantly under-reached and marginalized. Pray for urgent correction to this imbalance. Pray for transformed lives inside and out – for humility, continued brokenness and greater dependence on God.
  - c) Fear of control and intimidation in a closely governed and multi-religious society. Legislation against overt proselytism exists, but the only force preventing effective outreach is the Church's own unfounded fears. Pray that Christians would know how to maintain inter-religious harmony without compromising on evangelism. (OW 2)
- Pray for Singapore's less-reached peoples. The nation is a magnet for people from many unevangelized lands. Over 100 nations are represented in Singapore's population of 1.25 million foreigners. The majority are transient workers engaged in lower end jobs. A tremendous opportunity exists to reach them with the good news.
  - a) The Malay population number over 500,000 and are considered Muslim by birth, but there are a growing number of believers in Jesus. The Religious Harmony Act requires great wisdom and sensitivity when sharing Jesus with Muslims, as it seeks to prevent remarks being made or printed which could cause religious enmity. Pray that churches will receive a passion and burden to minister to them. Along with Malays, there are 150,000 Indonesians including the Bugis, Riau and Madurese peoples. Pray that churches gain a passion and burden to reach them.
  - b) The Indian population, numbering nearly 400,000, is mostly Tamil by origin. They are predominantly Hindu (over 50%), and about 25% are Muslim. There are a number of lively congregations among Hindu groups of South Asian origin but very little outreach to Muslim groups such as the Gujarati, Sindhi, Hindi and Bengali-speaking communities of North Indian origin. Pray for effective outreach to these groups. There are also growing numbers of Sri Lankans, Bangladeshis and Pakistanis arriving as professionals, students and transient workers in manual labour.
  - c) The Mainland Chinese population has grown rapidly to now number over 200,000 (some estimates are much higher). They may locate in Singapore as professionals, students or migrant workers. Some are Christian, but the majority remain unevangelized. A number of churches hold Sunday services especially for Mainland Chinese peoples. They also minister through Bible studies, English language classes and free health screenings. Singapore's ethnic Chinese churches have no excuse not to effectively reach out to these responsive people.
  - d) Migrant workers. Numbers have greatly increased, constituting at least 33% of Singapore's workforce, and it is a sensitive issue in Singaporean society. They include large numbers of Indonesians, Filipinos, Burmese, Bangladeshis, Thais, Sri Lankans and Vietnamese. There is ministry to all of these groups; pray for the right strategies, for effective follow-up and for integration of converts into local churches and home groups. Particularly needy for outreach are the Burmese (less than 2% Christian in Singapore), Bangladeshis and Sri Lankans. (OW 5)
- Singapore is a strategic centre for regional and global Christian mission due to its infrastructure, stability, location and strong Christian population. Most expatriate missionaries based in Singapore are involved in international ministry. Several organizations have their headquarters in Singapore. Dozens of others maintain bases there. Pray that Singapore will be a blessing to the least-evangelized nations and peoples around it and a servant leader that facilitates the emerging missions movement from other Asian nations. (OW 6)