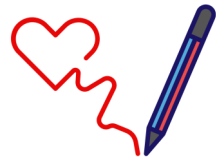


# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



## The Starting Point of Becoming One

We have recently embarked on a novel and special initiative: a “Naming Campaign” to select a unified name for WAC and JACM. Seeing fellow brothers and sisters eagerly participating in this process fills my heart with both joy and gratitude. For this is not merely a naming activity, but the very first step towards unity for the two churches. The name itself may seem like a small matter, but what it carries is the church’s identity, vision and mission – which concerns our direction and witness. Throughout this process, I have often wondered: what interesting and creative names will people come up with? Perhaps there will be someone who offers the most down-to-earth name that brings a smile to our faces; or another may suggest a grand name that reminds us of the promises in the Bible. Whatever the outcome, what matters most is that through this naming process, all of us are called to reflect anew on the church’s mission and engage in it with a prayerful heart.

The Bible often reminds us that names are closely tied to identity and calling. In **Revelation 2:17**, it says, *“To the one who conquers... I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.”* And in **Isaiah 62:2**, it says, *“...and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.”* These new names are not just arbitrary labels, but new identities bestowed by God, symbolising the new direction He is leading His people into.

In the same way, as our church chooses a new unified name, it represents more than just an outward change. It is also an expression of our willingness to enter a new season under the LORD's leading and live out the mission and vision that He has given us. Remember the prayer of Lord Jesus before His departure: ***“that they may all be one... so that the world may believe that you have sent me” (John 17:21)***. His heart's desire is very clear – the unity of His disciples is pivotal to bearing witness to the Gospel before the world. Having a unified church name for WAC and JACM marks the beginning of this unity. It not only strengthens our sense of belonging, but also demonstrates to those around us that we are a people united in Christ. Of course, a unified name is only the first step. Ahead lies the journey towards true unity in the body of Christ through mutual acceptance and patience. As **1 Corinthians 12:12-13** remind us, ***“For just as the body is one and has many members... so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body”***. Though our languages and cultural backgrounds may differ, in Christ we belong to one body, one family.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us not treat this “Naming Campaign” as a one-off formality. Instead, let us journey on with prayer, faith and love. May we see in the new unified name of our church the new identify given by the Lord, and glorify Him through our testimony of unity. This will be our starting point of becoming one.

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