# LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SINGAPORE - LCS

## Year Started and Brief History

Lutheran Ministry started in Singapore in 1960 as part of the Lutheran Church in Malaysia and Singapore. Although Singapore became an independent State in 1965, the Church continues as the Lutheran Church in Malaysia and Singapore until 1997 when we separate along national lines with the Church in Singapore known as the Lutheran Church in Singapore.

## **Church Leader**

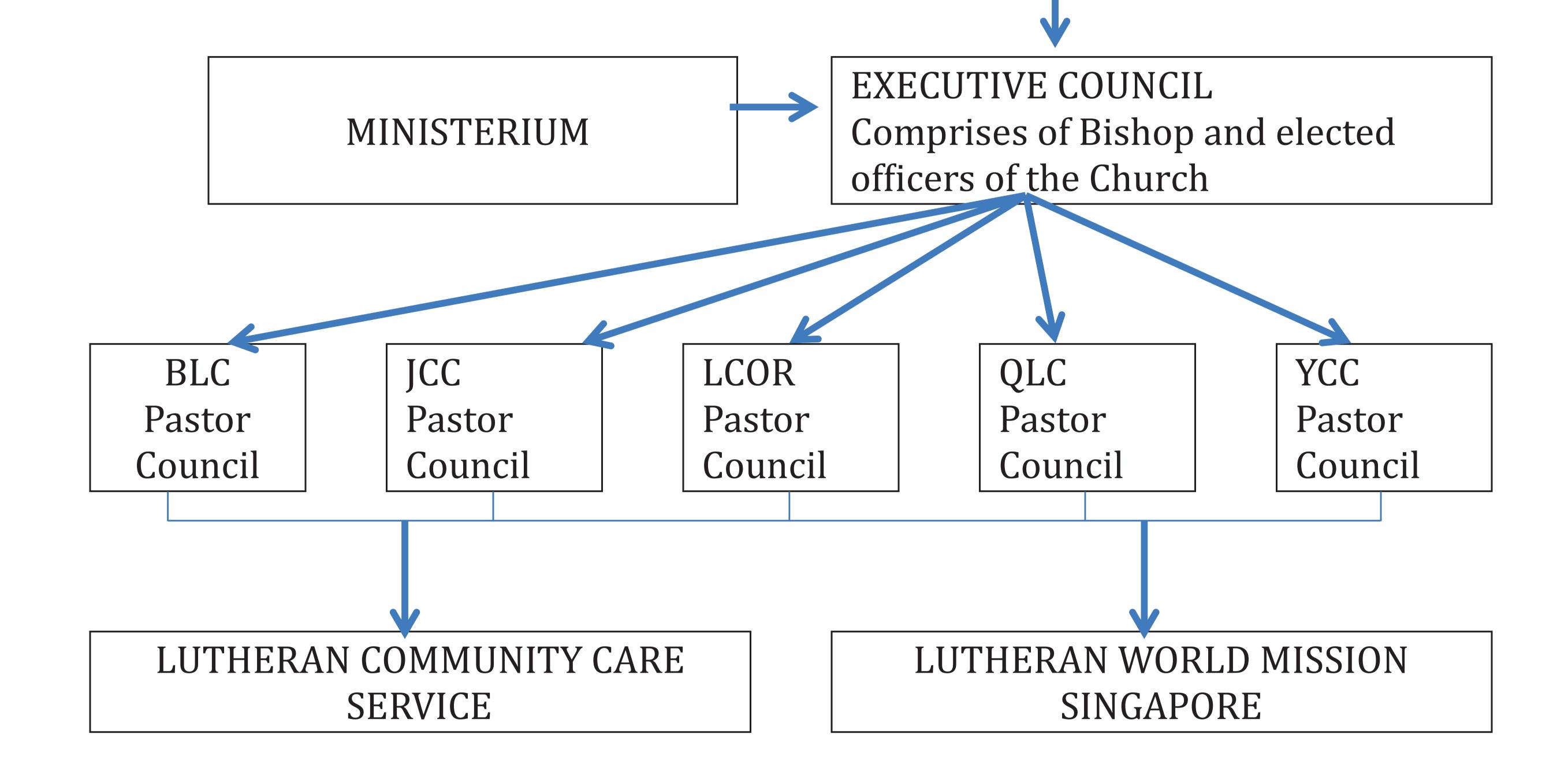
Bishop Terry Kee

## **Organisational Structure**

## Membership

The active membership as of 31 December 2012 is 2,949

Comprises of delegates from congregations and pastors



## Main Areas of Work

## **Congregational Ministries**

The focus of this is Worship, Evangelism, Nurture, Discipleship development and Equipping of saints for the work of the ministries. The only violence related ministry here is in the area of pastoral care where counseling and support of victims of violence are done.

## **Community Care Services**

Our Community Care Services comprises of 4 services: Student Work Services, Family Work Services, Centre for Restorative Practices, Eldercare Services Centre.

#### - Student Work Services

The SWS is staffed with a team of qualified professionals that work with Schools, Reformative Homes and various institutions among the challenged youths with a wide range of issues. Among them are victims of bullying, violence etc.

#### - Family Work Services

The FWS deals with a wide range of family issues including pre and post marital Counseling, The FWS also handle referrals from the family courts.

#### **Ministries to the Nations**

#### - Centre for Restorative Practices

The CRP provides training for Governmental and Non governmental organizations and institutions in the Restorative Justice/practices knowledge and skills for effective conferencing and intervention so as to restore the estranged's relationship with their family and community.

#### - Eldercare Services Centre

The Eldercare Services Centre provides wholistic day-care programmes for the elderly in the city.

The Lutheran Church in Singapore is active in both ministries to the nations as well as ministries to the nations at our doorstep. Our ministries to the nations include sending and supporting of missionaries to Thailand, Cambodia and Mongolia, training of ministry leaders in Thailand, Mongolia and China. For ministries to the nations at our doorstep, we have the ministry of the Thai Good News Centre that reaches out to the Thai migrant workers in Singapore, the International Lutheran Seafarers as well as fellowship for various ethnic communities.

## **Activities Regarding Overcoming of Violence**

We do not have ministry/activities dedicated to anti-violence in Singapore. Bishop Terry Kee as President of National Council of Churches in Singapore and member of the National Steering Committee for inter-racial and inter religious harmony works at ensuring justice for all race and religions in Singapore. He is also in the list of mediator between race and religions should there be conflict.

# **Special Challenges**

Maintaining mutual respect and harmony without compromising our call to make disciples of all nations.

## **Involvement in Networks or International Operations**

- Member of Advance Team of LoveSingapore network of churches
- Member of Inter-Religious Organization, a network comprises of leaders of 10 different religions.