

"Windows of Love"

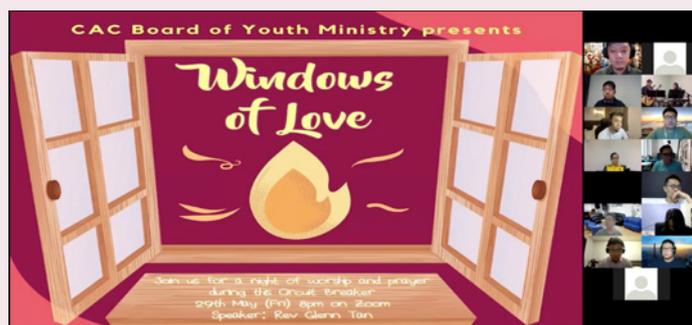
Board of Youth Ministry
during COVID-19

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In March this year, the CAC Methodist Young Leaders' Conference (MYLC) Committee made a unanimous decision to call off the annual MYLC in view of the COVID-19 situation. MYLC was originally scheduled to take place from 19th to 21st June this year.

Like many other events in CAC, the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic compelled us to reflect and embrace a "new normal". During the Circuit Breaker, CAC BOYM constantly reached out to our young people through social media platforms. While running Finding Your Place (FYP), CAC's discipleship programme for youths, various online videoconference platforms such as Zoom, Skype and Discord had already been explored. As such, as early as February 2020, with the initial onset of COVID-19 cases locally, BOYM moved quickly to bring its meetings online and became one of the earliest CAC Boards to embrace online meetings.

With MYLC 2020 and many other physical gatherings being put on hold, a number of CAC Pastors and Youth Workers came together and prayerfully organised the first ever online BOYM event, "Windows of Love". Held on the evening of 29th May 2020 via videoconferencing platform Zoom, the online event saw around a hundred participants from various CAC churches.

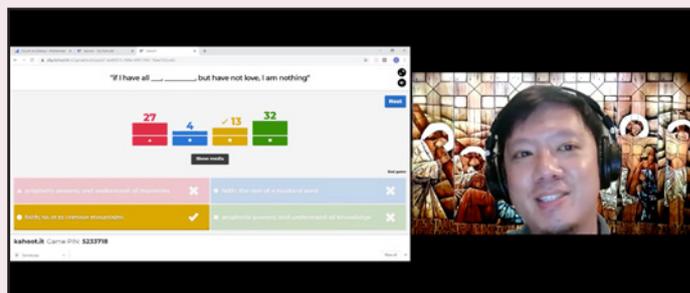


"Windows of Love", a virtual Praise & Worship event inspired by the gallery view of a typical Zoom meeting.

The event started with a time of praise and worship, followed by an interactive sermon by Rev Glenn Tan, who utilised online platforms like Mentimeter and Kahoot to solicit response to his sharing. Rev Glenn led the participants through quizzes on bible knowledge and even fun questions testing the youths' knowledge of John Wesley. Three blessed winners of the quiz were pleasantly surprised to receive prizes delivered to them on that evening itself. The event concluded with a time of group discussions where participants reflected on their knowledge of the bible.



Praise & worship segment led by CAC Youth Worker Jonathan Huang and his wife Karen, from their home.



Quiz time on Kahoot led by BOYM Vice Chairperson and Toa Payoh Chinese Methodist Church Assistant Pastor, Rev Glenn Tan.

We thank God that even while we were physically apart during the Circuit Breaker, CAC BOYM could still honour its 3C purpose: to Connect; Coach and Counsel. In fact, as there was less schedule conflicts and everyone was home-bound, this first BOYM virtual gathering actually saw many new faces joining CAC's BOYM event for the first time! Echoing the words in the book of Hebrews, let us always make the effort to #CACTogetherYouths.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." - Hebrews 10:24-25

BOYM is in the midst of planning another virtual event in the near future. Follow @cacboym on Instagram and @cac.bym on Facebook for more updates!