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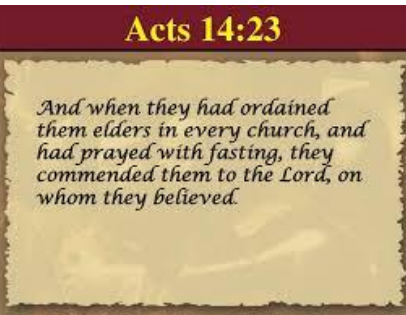
Ordination of an Elder at SHBPC

“And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.” Acts 14:23

Today, 7 Sep 2025, we witness the first ordination of an Elder at Sovereign Hope BPC after almost 8 years of ministry. It is with much prayer and patience that we waited for this day. Paul warns, *“lay your hands suddenly on no one.”* (1Tim 5:22).

Elder Yue Kay has been with us from the beginning of SHBPC inception and served in various capacities faithfully in the *protem* committee and subsequently multiple terms as Deacon in the Session, diligently attended every church prayer meeting, coordinated ushering, evangelism and missions and church camps, taught at Sunday School classes reached out to members, worshippers and friends and worked well with members and friends. He is also an active member and is now the chaplain in the Gideon ministry.

Elder Yue Kay has been examined by an Ordination Council comprising Rev



Philip Heng, Rev Tan Eng Boo and Rev Dr Jack Sin. He has written about 20 pages on 9 topics ranging from Reformed doctrines to Church Polity as an Elder must be apt to teach. He was approved for Ordination as an Elder by the council after these papers were read and approved by the Council. At the Council interview, he was questioned and examined on some of the papers that he had written. In the Presbyterian church, an Elder is an notable steward responsible for the

doctrine and discipline of the church among other important decisions. In the Bible Presbyterian system, the Elder holds the title for life.

The Elder's qualifications are set forth in 1Tim 3:1-16 and Tit 1:5-9, that he should possess a God-honouring character and proven testimony of faithful stewardship in the Lord. It is the duty of the church leaders together with the congregation, to vote to recognize and accept the calling of such at the Annual

Elected to the office of an Elder
at ACM on 31 Aug 2025



Congregation Meeting, following which a formal Ordination Service should be organised for this purpose. **The Ordination ceremony itself should under the will of God give public recognition to God's choice of His steward with the laying of hand by the Ordained Ministers.** Paul in Tit 1:5 says, *"For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee."*

The offices of both the Elder and Deacon are biblical and needful in the proper governance of the local church, co-labouring with the Minister of the Gospel who is also an Elder, with Christ as the Head of the church. Ministering to God's people in Word and deed is a serious sacred duty and responsibility for a man to take on, and it should never be taken flippantly or lightly. A biblically unqualified individual should not occupy either the office of Elder (or Deacon) unless he is truly called of God. The church should pray, discern, examine and recognise if proven to be so and co-labour, respect and support him by God's leading.

May all of us who attend SHBPC do so in the days ahead with much prayer and spiritual support for our newly ordained Elder Tan Yue Kay and the newly elected Session, and with accountable corporate stewardship as the Lord leads and guides us by His Wisdom and Sovereign Grace. (Acts 6:1-7)

Jack Sin



WHAT IS THE REFORMED FAITH?

- A Paper Submitted & Accepted for Ordination as Elder of SHBPC -

The Reformed Faith refers to a branch of Protestant Christianity that traces its theological and ecclesiastical roots to the 16th century Reformation, particularly to the teachings of John Calvin Geneva, Ulrich Zwingli, and other Reformers. It is sometimes known as "Calvinism".

Here are the foundational doctrines/beliefs of the Reformed Faith:

- 1) ***Sola Scriptura*** (Scripture Alone) - The Bible is the ultimate authority in all matters of faith and life. (2 Timothy 3:16)
- 2) ***Sola Fide*** (Faith Alone) - Justification comes by grace of God through faith in Christ, not by works. (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- 3) ***The Sovereignty and Providence of God*** - God's absolute right and power to rule and control all things, including salvation, history, and human decisions. (Psalm 103:19)
- 4) ***The FIVE Points of Calvinism (TULIP)*** - These are often used to summarize Reformed Soteriology (Doctrine of Salvation) - Total Depravity/Unconditional Election/Limited Atonement/Irresistible Grace/Perseverance of the saints.

The Five Points of Calvinism (TULIP)

- T - Total Depravity of Man** - As every part of the human nature is affected by sin, he has no innate ability to respond to the gospel. He is spiritually dead. (Romans 3:11; 9:15 / John 3:11; 8:47; 6:44)
- U - Unconditional Election of God** - It is God who chooses whom He will save based solely on His Mercy, not that we choose Him. Only those who are chosen before the foundation of the world will be saved. Man has NO FREE WILL. (Ephesians 1:4 / Romans 9:11; 22 / Acts 13:48 / 1 Peter 1:2 / Titus 1:1 / John 1:12-13 / 1 John 4:19)
- L - Limited Atonement** - Christ died specifically for His Elect, not all are called to be saved. (Ephesians 1:4 / Romans 9:11-13; 22 / Acts 13:48 / Matthew 25:33 / John 17:9 vs John 3:16)
- I - Irresistible Grace** - It is God's grace who opens our understanding and effectively draws the elect to salvation. When He does in His appointed time, it is Irresistible. (John 1:12-13; 6:39; 10:27 / Acts 13:48; 16:14 / Luke 8:10 / Job 38:36 / Ezekiel 37:2-10)
- P - Perseverance of the Saints** - True believers will endure in their faith to the end (Once saved, always saved). Salvation is eternal and good works are fruits of

salvation. Children of God will persevere against trials and tribulations. (1 Corinthians 10:13 / Matthew 16:18 / 2 Thessalonians 1:4/ Ephesians 3:21 / Jude 24 / Ephesians 2:8-10 / Galatians 5:22-23)

Key Elements of the Reformed Covenant Theology

- 1) **Covenant of Redemption** - Before creation (from eternity past), Salvation is the work of the Triune God, God the Father elects; God the Son redeems the elect and God, the Holy Spirit through regeneration applies the Son's work to God's elect.
 - 2) **Covenant of Works** - At creation, with Adam as the federal head of humanity broke the covenant of work, thus bringing sin and death into the world. (Perfect obedience would have led to eternal life but disobedience led to death.)
 - 3) **Covenant of Grace** - After the fall of humanity, beginning with God's promise in Genesis 3:15, this covenant is progressively revealed through various administrations (Noahic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic, New Covenant), all pointing to and fulfilled in Christ. (Genesis 12; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Galatians 3)
- The "New Covenant" refers to the spiritual relationship that every believer has in Christ which was entered in by faith. The New Covenant was ratified when the Son of God became the Son of Man. When He died on the cross, he sealed the New Covenant with His blood. Christ's redemptive work as foretold in the Old Testament was fulfilled in the New Testament which is a "better" testament (Hebrews 7:22). The Old was good, but the New is better.

The Reformed View of Regulative Principle of Worship

Worship should include only what is commanded or clearly implied in Scripture and not following human tradition or popular liking. True worship must proceed from faith and be performed according to God's law and to His glory. God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).

Under the new covenant, the ceremonies of the law have ceased, and a simpler form of worship has been introduced by Christ and the apostles. Prayer with thanksgiving, the reading of Scripture, sound preaching and the faithful hearing of the Word, the singing of the Psalms, and the administration of the sacraments according to the command and example of Christ are all parts of the worship of God under the gospel.

Elder Tan Yue Kay

Biography - "Theology for Every Christian" - page 152 (Covenant Theology) and page 366 (Regulative Principle of Worship)

Come & Join the Outreach at All Saints Home (Tampines)!
Sat 13 Sep 2025, 10am.
Register with Eld Yue Kay by TODAY 7 Sep.



A Word of Encouragement....

Thank you, Rev Jack, for sharing the prayer request of Pr Ang Liang of Filadelfia BPC Batam for her nation, Indonesia, that God will protect His people and His churches, and the 5Ps of God's comfort and protection to His people.

Thank you also for SH Weekly 2025 08 31, with the message "*The Case for Responsible Church Membership*", and very good photos of All Asian Creation Conference, August 22 & 23, 2025, showing the great attendance and visitors from several countries and churches. Praise the Lord. May God continue to bless your ministry for His glory. 🙏

Rev Edward & Mrs Leah Paaue
Hope BPC, Adelaide, Australia

At Sovereign Hope
BPC
31 Aug 2025



Transfer of Membership:
Joseph & Lilian Chan



Annual
Congregation
Meeting



Secretary's Report



Treasurer's Report



Sumptuous Members' Lunch Fellowship of Chicken/Char Siu & Roast Pork Rice, Stewed Chicken Feet, Cucumber Black Fungus Salad & Fruits.



Memory Verse

1Cor 3:9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! If you are here for the first time, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave. Those who share the church vision to acquire a place of worship in due time, may designate your offerings to the SHBPC Church Building Fund.
2. Rev Philip brings us God's Word this morning on "**Faithful Co-labouring with the Church Stewards in the Local Church (1Cor 3:9-16)**".
3. Next Sunday, Pastor will preach on "**Case to Stand Fast in the Last Days (2Thes 2:1-17)**", continuing the quarterly series on "**Sacred Meditations on Christ and the Coming of the Anti-Christ (1 & 2 Thess)**".
4. Chinese Fellowship meets on every Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. We have systematic studies on New Testament Foundations and the Psalms. [Zoom ID:883 9662 4157 Passcode: 218178].
5. **Outreach at All Saints Home (Tampines)** will be held on **Sat 13 Sep 2025 at 9.30am**. Register with Eld Yue Kay by **TODAY 7 Sep**.
6. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The prayer list is available in church. [Zoom ID:863 7527 5431 Passcode: 625551].
7. Pray for:
 - **Mission Partners: New Covenant BPC & KinderBees Pre-School** [Ps Babu, Bangalore], **Calvary Reformed Church** [late Ps Lazarus, Bangalore], **Gilead Balm Home** [Eld Habakkuk, Yangon], **Pr Myitta & Pr Hla Pui** [Yangon, Myanmar], **Pr Benjamin** [Cameron Highlands, Malaysia]
 - **Medical: Geok Pin & parents** [respective cancer conditions], **Li Lee** [post hysterectomy recovery], **Pit Yuen** [post-radiotherapy recovery], **Agnes' Parents** [health & salvation], **Mrs Philip Heng** [stroke recovery]
 - **Joseph & Rachel**: GPS Outreach at Ang Mo Kio
 - **Lily Almon**: Singapore Citizenship Application
 - **John Almon**: Application for course at Nanyang Polytechnic
 - **Bangalore Mission Trip [11-15 Dec]**: Pastor, Dn Yue Kay, John W, Shaun & Zoey (Brunei)
8. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
 - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church** and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
 - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB** Account **392-308-825-1**
 - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**

Kindly indicate "**Church Building Fund**" if you would like to designate towards this cause.