

Members only event. Invited guests and church pastors are welcome to attend and required to register.

**THURSDAY,  
22 JULY 2021  
8PM – 9.30PM  
ONLINE ZOOM**

**Register**

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# LAY COUNSELLING IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

How do we care for those hurting within our community?  
Is there a role for counselling within the church?  
Come join us as our speakers help us consider these questions.



**THE DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN  
PASTORAL CARE AND  
CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING**

**REV. SAM KUNA**

**WHY THE NEED FOR  
COUNSELLING MINISTRY?  
LIKE-MINDEDNESS:  
GROWING IN OUR SERVICE  
TO JESUS**

**DR. SIMON NEO**

**THE CALLING, THE  
JOURNEY, THE  
CHALLENGES AND  
REWARDS:  
STARTING A LAY  
COUNSELLING MINISTRY IN  
CHURCH?**

**MS ROSE**

Sam serves as the Advisor of the Association of Christian Counsellors (Singapore) and is an ordained preacher with the Assemblies of God of Singapore.

Starting his counselling practice since the late 1980s, he is a practicing family therapist, child counsellor, a sandplay practitioner, as well as a certified master addiction therapist. He is a Fellow Member with the Singapore Association for Counselling, an SAC Registered Counsellor and Registered Clinical Supervisor and previously served as President of the Singapore Association for Counselling and Honorary Secretary. He is also a clinical member of the Association for Marital and Family Therapy (Singapore), and Founding Board Member of the Asia Pacific Certification Board (APCB).

Sam Kuna is an Associate Professor and serves as the Dean of the School of Counselling at TCA College which is a multi-disciplinary Christian college pioneered by the Trinity Christian Centre, Singapore.

Dr Simon Neo is a psychotherapist by training. He has a Doctor of Psychology in Group Psychotherapy and is a Certified Group Psychotherapist (CGP) from USA.

In 2008, Simon spearheaded the counselling department in Bethesda Care Centre, a Social Service Agency (SSA) set up by the Living Sanctuary Brethren Church. He was on an honorary appointment there until 2010. He currently serves as a volunteer counsellor there.


Simon has a private practice known as "The Psychotherapy Clinic" both in Singapore and in Bangkok. He has done work with Chulalongkorn University and Assumption University of Thailand. He has worked with a wide variety of individuals and companies, with concerns such as marital issues, mental disorders (DSM-5), relationship and Employee Assistance Programs (EAP). He is a much sought-after resource speaker, corporate trainer and lecturer, known for his passion, enthusiasm, humour and dedication.


After seeing clients from Monday to Friday, it is understandable that most counsellors choose to serve in a ministry that is not counselling related. After all, we need a break from doing counselling to protect ourselves from burn-out. So, how do we bless our local church with our gifting in counselling without feeling like we are working seven days a week? Rose discovered the answers when she responded to her pastor's invitation to help form her church's counselling ministry. It was a simple act of obedience, which she discovered to be a blessing beyond her expectation.

Rose founded Restoring Peace, a private practice that focuses on helping trauma survivors and people with mental health challenges. In addition to serving in private practice, Rose is an associate counsellor with Lakeside Family Services, and serve actively in her church counselling ministry, Indonesian domestic helpers ministry and in a ministry for a special group of people. Rose is a Registered Counsellor and a Registered Clinical Supervisor with SAC, a Registered Social Service Practitioner with SWAAB and Certified Substance Abused Therapist with APCB.



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