

Vancouver Chinese Presbyterian Church



Rebuilding of Congregation

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2017

Annual Report

2018 A.G.M. AGENDA

Date:	Sunday, March 18 th , 2018	Page
Time:	12:30 pm	
Place:	C.P.C. Sanctuary	
Moderator:	<u>Motion</u> : that Derek Dewald be the moderator for 2018 AGM	
Interpreter:	Rev. Morgan Wong	
1.	Welcome, Opening Prayer & Scripture	
2.	Business:	
	A. Election of recording secretary for A.G.M.	
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	<u>Notice of Motion</u> : that the Session recommends the new sanctuary to be furniture with individual chairs, at a Congregational Meeting held on Sunday April 1, 2018 at 10:50 am.	
8.	Other Business & Announcements	
9.	Closing Prayer & Benediction	

Minutes of 2017 Annual General Meeting

Date: Sunday, March 12th, 2017 12:30pm

Moderator: Rev. Robin Ross

Interpreter: Rev. Morgan Wong

1. Welcome: Opening Prayer and Hymn

2. Business:

A. Election of recording secretary for A.G.M. - Arlene Wong

John Con (M) Diana Wong (S)

B. Adoption of Agenda - addition of young adult council report

John Con (M) Fred Jay (S)

C. Adoption of 2016 A.G.M. minutes

Fred Jay (M) Remy Tam (S)

D. Financial Report:

2016 Treasurer's Report - John Con (M) Fred Jay (S)

2016 Financial Review - Jeanette Lee (M) Grace Ng (S)

2017 Proposed Budget - Margaret Mah (M) Diana Wong (S)

Motion: We, the congregation, agree in principle to support the need to enhance the hours and pay to the youth pastor position and forward this decision to the Board of Managers for review and implementation.

John Con (M) David Tsang (S)

E. Election of new members to Board of Managers - Current 5 were re-appointed:

Dereck Dewald, Nelson Chan, Andrew Wong, Daniel Lai, Billy Lo.

John Con (M) Diana Wong (S)

F. Appointment of Church Treasurer - Linda Sze re-appointed.

John Con (M) Diana Wong (S)

G. Election of Trustees

Current 6 were re-appointed. Sue Mar, Ken Shuen, Adrian Wong, Alex Wong, Diana Wong, Richard Wong.

Fred Jay (M) Francis Ng (S)

3. Report from Rev. Morgan Wong: Fred Jay (M) Remy Tam (S)

4. Report from Rev. Bartholomew Alexander: John Con (M) Adrian Wong (S)

5. Report from Pastor Bill Chan: John Con (M) Rebecca Yu (S)

6. Report from the Clerk of Session:

a. Adrian Wong advised that in the Session Report on page 24 under "Finance Team", the name Ken Shuen as Advisor, should be deleted

- b. That session be given power to issue to amend CPC's Trust Deed to allow for six (6) trustees of which any four (4) can act and sign legal documents on behalf of all the trustees.

Adrian Wong (M) John Con (S)

7. Report from Departments and Fellowship: Peggy Chow (M) Mary Lam (S)

A. Board of Managers

B. Chinese Adult Sunday School

C. Chinese Choir

D. Chinese Language School

E. Ezra Fellowship

F. Ladies Bible Study

G. Mandarin Ministry

H. Preschool

I. Property development Task Force

J. Re-development Fund-Raising Committee

K. Share and Pray

L. Sunday School

M. Vacation Bible School

N. Womens Missionary Society (Chinese)

O. Zion Fellowship

8. Other Business and Announcements:

Leading with Care:

led by Mathew Sze (young adult council), Alice Wong and Nelson Chan

What is leading with care? To protect the vulnerable by:

- 1) have a safe environment, ie: building
- 2) audit ministries, work with church leaders and teachers to apply policy and evaluate church progress in applying these policies.
- 3) Leading with care group will report to session twice a year.

What is young adult council?

Those who have recently graduated from high school and wishing to be involved with and to have input on the church development

Rev. M. Wong report on the transition:

During the two year construction, Sunday service and Sunday activities from 9am - 3 pm, will be held at Alliance Francais. This rental is a friendly non binding agreement between CPC and

Alliance Francias. Alliance Francias is also applying for a building permit which might interfere with the rental of its' building. Any Monday to Saturday church activities are required to find their own location to hold these activities.

Chinese school will be held at the back building of Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church. Preschool is a government regulated institution and a site to hold the preschool during the church construction is still being investigated.

On behalf of session, the deepest gratitude to Linda Sze for her many hours of devoted volunteer service . Rev. Wong gave her a small token of appreciation.

Thanks to Anna Tsang for her many years of leading the Chinese Choir.

9. Closing prayer and benediction

Adjournment: 2:15 pm Number attending March 2017 AGM- 56

TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2017 year has been very similar to 2016. The General offerings were slightly higher only because we had more members passing away. We were able to maintain general offerings while also losing members.

Chinese Presbyterian Church will start the rebuilding process in 2018. With the sale of the duplexes to be completed at the end of 2018, we will have the funds available to build our new church. The new building will allow us to rebuild our education ministry as well as provide more outreach potential.

If the projected deficit materializes, funds will be transferred from Designated Operating Funds to cover any operating shortfall. Designated Development Funds will be used to pay for development and building costs.

The 2018 Budget includes the following:

- General receipts will remain similar to 2017
- VBS, Summer Conference and Awana will continue assuming receipts and costs will remain similar to 2017
- Nursery and Chinese Schools will have a decrease in students
- Rental income will be received for 9 months. Two units will not be rented due to the expected repair costs exceeding the rent that could be received during this period of time
- Minister's Office expenses will be decreased as we will only have one fulltime Minister. However we will still be paying for a 2nd Minister for at least 6 months (this could be more depending on when a settlement can be completed by Presbytery). The Youth Minister is only paid for 2 months as he leaves at the end of February.
- Pulpit supplies has been increased so one speaker can be engaged approximately once a month.
- Church programs will remain similar to 2017 except we have added some funds for the Mandarin Ministry

We always welcome more volunteers to participate in the weekly operations like counting and data entry. Anyone who has the expertise or the willingness to learn would be appreciated. Thank-you to Gladys and Marleen who have taken responsibility for the Sunday counting. Thank-you to all the counters and data entry volunteers. Thank-you to Pearl who continued to assist in the 2017 payroll processing.

In His Service,
Linda Sze

CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(UNAUDITED)**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

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REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To The Members of
Chinese Presbyterian Church

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We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Chinese Presbyterian Church that comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2017 statements of changes in net assets, operations and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for private enterprises, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Chinese Presbyterian Church as at December 31, 2017, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations.

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March 6, 2018
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CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2017

(UNAUDITED)

	2017 \$	2016 \$
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	340,320	265,908
Term deposits	-	100,578
Short-term investments	2,203,510	2,079,380
Accounts receivable	16,856	7,718
GST/HST receivable	3,622	1,713
Prepaid expenses	2,630	-
Notes receivable (Note 4)	7,000	-
	2,573,938	2,455,297
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (Note 5)	1,591,336	1,619,494
	4,165,274	4,074,791
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	8,919	7,169
Deferred revenue	94,901	135,826
	103,820	142,995
NET ASSETS		
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		
Congregation fund	1,765,167	1,765,167
Designated fund	217,414	196,378
	1,982,581	1,961,545
RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Designated fund	1,022,810	914,188
Endowment fund	257,000	257,000
Manse fund	799,063	799,063
	2,078,873	1,970,251
	4,061,454	3,931,796
	4,165,274	4,074,791

APPROVED BY:

CLERK OF SESSION: _____

BOARD OF MANAGERS CHAIR: _____

(The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements)

CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

(UNAUDITED)

	Unrestricted Congregation Fund	Unrestricted Designated Fund	Restricted Designated Fund	Restricted Endowment Fund	Restricted Manse Fund	Total \$
NET ASSETS, December 31, 2015	1,765,167	337,093	292,427	257,000	799,063	3,450,750
Excess revenue over expenses	57,457	-	-	-	-	57,457
Contributions	-	3,800	710,930	-	-	714,730
Disbursements	-	(201,972)	(89,169)	-	-	(291,141)
Inter-fund transfers	(57,457)	57,457	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS, December 31, 2016	1,765,167	196,378	914,188	257,000	799,063	3,931,796
Excess revenue over expenses	19,036	-	-	-	-	19,036
Contributions	-	3,500	176,884	-	-	180,384
Disbursements	-	(1,500)	(68,262)	-	-	(69,762)
Inter-fund transfers	(19,036)	19,036	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS, December 31, 2017	1,765,167	217,414	1,022,810	257,000	799,063	4,061,454

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

(UNAUDITED)

	2017 \$	2016 \$
REVENUE		
General receipts	211,898	200,028
Designated receipts	180,394	556,571
Grant receipts	10,791	10,554
Education (Note 7)	75,168	98,660
Net income from properties (Note 8)	19,817	20,414
Interest	35,902	18,523
	533,970	904,750
EXPENSES		
Building, grounds & others	75,855	73,073
Church programs	16,261	23,977
Designated transfers	196,998	574,913
Minister's office expenses	210,346	208,206
Missions	27,504	31,868
	526,964	912,037
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE BEFORE OTHER EXPENSE (INCOME)	7,006	(7,287)
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)		
Gain on disposal of investments	411	-
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(7,417)	7,287
	(7,006)	7,287
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	-	-

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

(UNAUDITED)

	2017 \$	2016 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income for the year	-	-
NON CASH ITEM		
Amortization	28,158	28,158
Unrealized loss (gain) on investments	7,417	(7,287)
	35,575	20,871
CHANGES IN NON-CASH WORKING CAPITAL		
Short-term investments	(131,547)	(609,008)
Accounts receivable	(9,137)	6,618
Notes receivable	(7,000)	-
Prepaid expenses	(2,630)	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,750	(1,178)
Deferred remuneration	(40,925)	(31,581)
GST/HST receivable	(1,910)	554
	(155,824)	(613,724)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Designated fund received net of disbursements	129,658	481,046
DECREASE IN CASH	(26,166)	(132,678)
CASH, beginning of year	366,486	499,164
CASH, end of year	340,320	366,486
CASH, CONSISTS OF:		
Cash	340,320	265,908
Term deposits	-	100,578
	340,320	366,486

CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

(UNAUDITED)

1. PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION

The purpose of the Church is to provide a place to hold worship services, and to provide ministries for women, men, youth and children, preschool and pastoral care to those in need.

2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles summarized as follows:

FUND METHOD ACCOUNTING

The Church follows fund method of accounting.

The Congregation Fund accounts for the assets, capital, receipts, and expenditures of the Church's operations excluding its trust liabilities.

The Unrestricted Designated Fund accounts for funds that have come to the Church through donations, bequests and by allocation from the Congregation Fund. They are internally reserved for specific purposes.

The Restricted Designated Fund accounts for funds reserved for building a new church.

The Endowment Fund accounts for donations and bequests reserved for specific purposes. The unexpended income may be allocation to the Congregation Fund.

The Manse Fund accounts for the fund from sale of the Manse after paying off all the related expenses. It is internally reserved for purchasing a new manse in the future, or the capital is reserved to earn interest, of which the interest can be used for minister's living allowance. Any use of the manse fund capital or access of the interest requires approval of the Presbytery.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The financial instruments of the Church consists mainly cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

The fair value of the Church's cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate their carrying amounts due to the relatively short periods to maturity.

The Church has elected not to disclose fair value information about financial assets and liabilities for which fair value was not readily available.

CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICY (Continued)

SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS

Short-term investments, consisting of short term notes, fixed income funds and shares of publicly traded companies, are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in net income in the period incurred.

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment are recorded at cost with depreciation and amortization provided as follows:

	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Method</u>
Buildings	30 years	Straight-line
Furniture and equipment	15 years	Straight-line

In the year of acquisition only one-half the normal rate is applied.

REVENUE RECOGNITION

Revenue from sales and service transactions are recognized when the requirements as to performance are satisfied, provided that at the time of performance ultimate collection is reasonably assured.

MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY

The preparation of financial statements, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. These estimates are reviewed periodically and as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in earnings in the period in which they became known.

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4. NOTES RECEIVABLE

The Church advanced \$7,000 to a former youth minister for his education. The advances bear interest at 4% per annum. The interest and advances are to be repaid on or before February 19, 2020.

5. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

	COST	ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION	NET BOOK VALUE 2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land	1,279,608	-	1,279,608	1,279,608
Buildings	844,699	532,971	311,728	339,886
Furniture and equipment	244,962	244,962	-	-
	2,369,269	777,933	1,591,336	1,619,494

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

(UNAUDITED)

6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT RISKS AND CONCENTRATION OF RISK

The Church may expose risks through its financial instruments. The following provides analysis on the Church's risk exposure and concentration at the reporting date:

Credit risk:

Credit risk is the risk that a third party to a financial instrument might fail to meet its obligations under the terms of the financial instrument. The Church's accounts receivable are interest receivable. It is the management's opinion that the Church does not expose to significant credit risk.

Liquidity risk:

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Church will encounter difficulty in meeting financial obligations as they come due. As at the balance sheet date, the Church has sufficient cash to settle its current liabilities. Hence, the Church does not face liquidity risk.

Currency risk:

Currency risk results from exchange rate fluctuations and the volatility of these rates. All the Church's transactions are denominated in home currency and hence it does not expose to any currency risk.

Interest rate risk:

The Church does not carry any interest bearing financial instruments with floating interest rates. It does not expose to interest rate risk.

7. EDUCATION

The Church is involved in education and with receipts and expenses as follows:

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Education receipts	324,303	388,442
Education expenses	249,135	289,782
	<u>75,168</u>	<u>98,660</u>

8. NET INCOME FROM PROPERTIES

The revenue generated and the expenses incurred from rental properties are as follows:

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Revenue	90,756	91,156
Expenses	70,939	71,142
	<u>19,817</u>	<u>20,014</u>

CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

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9. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

The comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the financial statement presentation adopted for the current year.

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Chinese Presbyterian Church

2018 Budget

	Actual 1/1 2017 to 12/31/2017	Budget 01/01/2018 to 12/31/2018
REVENUE		
GENERAL RECEIPTS		
Envelope Offering	206,926.95	195,000.00
Loose Offering	4,971.01	4,000.00
General Receipts-Total	211,897.96	199,000.00
Designated Receipts		
Designated Offering	3,500.00	3,000.00
Designated Church Development	176,884.16	200,000.00
Special Offering	10.00	0.00
Designated Receipts-Tota	180,394.16	203,000.00
GRANT RECEIPTS		
Summer Conference	1,990.00	2,300.00
Flowers & Bulletins	1,875.00	1,600.00
Vacation Bible School	1,741.30	1,700.00
Mission	2,765.00	2,500.00
Lighthouse	1,809.80	1,500.00
Awana	610.00	600.00
Grant Receipts-Total	10,791.10	10,200.00
EDUCATION RECEIPTS		
Nursery School Fees	193,573.59	140,000.00
Chinese School Fees	118,009.64	80,000.00
Education Receipts - Total	311,583.23	220,000.00
PROPERTIES		
Rental Income - 6435 Cambie Street	23,400.00	23,400.00
Rental Income - 6437 Cambie Street	26,832.00	19,224.00
Rental Income - 6459 Cambie Street	27,840.00	8,080.00
Rental Income - 6461 Cambie Street	12,684.00	9,513.00
Properties Receipts - Total	90,756.00	60,217.00
OTHER RECEIPTS		
Funds Interest	2,614.36	2,500.00
Manse Fund Interest	11,723.51	10,000.00
Development Fund Interest	14,030.84	15,000.00
Other Interest and Investments	1,821.69	1,000.00
Other Receipts - Total	30,190.40	28,500.00
OTHER ITEMS		
Gain/Loss on Investments	-130.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	835,482.85	720,917.00
EXPENSE		
MINISTER'S OFFICE EXPENSES		
Office Staff - Wages	11,481.60	12,000.00
Office Staff - EI	261.99	300.00
Office Staff - CPP	395.04	400.00
Office Staff - WCB	21.79	25.00

Total Office Staff Remuneration		12,160.42		12,725.00
Stipends	99,077.10		75,000.00	
Housing Allowance	42,168.00		34,200.00	
Minister's -EI	2,341.23		1,900.00	
Minister's - CPP	4,530.70		3,400.00	
Minister's - WCB	2,345.94		1,500.00	
Minister's - Benefits	26,013.12		23,000.00	
Minister's Manse - Utilities	3,715.97		2,100.00	
Minister's Manse - Telephone	3,221.03		1,100.00	
Total Minister's Remuneration		183,413.09		142,200.00
Youth Worker Salary	12,000.00		2,000.00	
Youth Worker - EI	273.84		50.00	
Youth Worker-CPP	420.72		70.00	
Youth Worker- WCB	22.80		5.00	
Total Youth Worker Remuneration		12,717.36		2,125.00
Continuing Education		479.98		0.00
Special Resource Material		1,375.08		1,000.00
Pulpit Supplies		200.00		3,500.00
Minister's Office Total		210,345.93		161,550.00

CHURCH PROGRAMS

Awana		849.79		800.00
Christian Education & Conferences		8,511.44		8,600.00
Congregational Life		239.14		1,000.00
Music Ministry		713.00		700.00
Flowers and Benevolence		1,608.87		1,600.00
Mandarin Ministry		0.00		1,000.00
Summer Conference		2,560.00		3,000.00
Vacation Bible School		1,778.46		1,700.00
Youth Group		0.00		0.00
Church Programs - Total		16,260.70		18,400.00

MISSIONS

Presbytery		4,504.32		8,000.00
Presbyterians Sharing		20,000.00		20,000.00
CPC Missions		2,000.00		3,000.00
Lighthouse		1,000.00		1,000.00
Missions- Total		27,504.32		32,000.00

EDUCATION

Nursery School - Salaries	101,440.50		82,000.00	
Nursery School - EI	2,321.25		2,000.00	
Nursery School - CPP	3,403.66		2,700.00	
Nursery School - WCB	836.84		600.00	
Nursery School - Benefits	2,520.00		1,500.00	
Total Nursery School Remuneration		110,522.25		88,800.00
Chinese School - Salaries	87,800.00		65,000.00	
Chinese School - EI	2,003.46		1,500.00	
Chinese School - CPP	2,892.46		1,500.00	
Chinese School - WCB	723.10		450.00	
Total Chinese School Remuneration		92,419.02		68,450.00
Chinese School Supplies&Services		3,178.63		3,200.00
Insurance		1,500.00		1,500.00
Nursery School Supplies&Services		5,703.18		5,800.00
Telephone		523.31		600.00
Utilities		6,268.86		6,300.00
Rent		0.00		8,400.00

Janitor- Wages	22,500.00	22,500.00
Janitor - EI	513.48	500.00
Janitor - CPP	1,037.52	1,100.00
Janitor - WCB	43.82	50.00
Janitor - Benefits	4,173.12	4,200.00
Total Janitor Remuneration	28,267.94	28,350.00
Janitorial Supplies & Services	751.69	800.00
Education - Total	249,134.88	212,200.00

PROPERTIES

Insurance	2,867.00	2,900.00
Legal & Professional	17,900.09	15,000.00
Property Taxes - 6435 Cambie St	5,838.24	4,500.00
Property Taxes - 6437 Cambie St	5,838.25	4,500.00
Property Taxes - 6459 Cambie St	6,547.23	5,500.00
Property Taxes - 6461 Cambie St	6,547.24	5,500.00
Repairs&Maintenance-6435 Cambie	5,085.30	3,800.00
Repairs&Maintenance-6437 Cambie	2,385.09	1,800.00
Repairs&Maintenance-6459 Cambie St	1,458.56	1,100.00
Repairs&Maintenance-6461 Cambie St	1,298.74	1,000.00
Utilities-6435 Cambie St.	1,642.93	1,300.00
Utilities - 6437 Cambie St.	4,172.46	3,100.00
Utilities - 6459 Cambie St.	1,133.34	900.00
Properties - Total	62,714.47	50,900.00

BUILDING, GROUNDS & OTHER

Advertising	753.96	800.00
Bank Charges & Interest	1,231.37	3,000.00
GST	3,647.87	3,600.00
Insurance	8,524.00	8,600.00
Legal & Accounting	9,423.79	9,500.00
Office Supplies	1,956.56	2,000.00
Printing & Mimeographing	4,235.51	4,100.00
Property Taxes	460.00	500.00
Repairs & Maintenance	7,990.57	6,000.00
Telephone	1,336.14	1,300.00
Utilities	6,939.92	7,000.00
Janitor - Wages	7,500.00	7,500.00
Janitor - EI	171.12	200.00
Janitor - CPP	345.84	400.00
Janitor - WCB	14.69	20.00
Janitor - Benefits	1,391.15	1,400.00
Total Janitor Remuneration	9,422.80	9,520.00
Amortization	28,158.00	0.00
Building, Grounds & Other - Total	84,080.49	55,920.00

Designated Funds

Designated Church Development	176,884.16	191,600.00
Other Designated Transfers	3,500.00	3,000.00
Designated Operating Fund	5,057.90	-4,653.00
Designated Funds - Total	185,442.06	189,947.00

TOTAL EXPENSE	835,482.85	720,917.00
NET INCOME	-0.00	0.00

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REBUILDING OF CONGREGATION

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

1 PETER 2:9

The church theme for 2017 is "Rebuilding of Congregation". It is the second year of a three year series. Previously, in 2016, the church theme was "Rebuilding Lives", and in the subsequent year in 2018, it will be "Rebuild the House of the Lord".

In this theme "Rebuilding of Congregation", I focused my sermon series on the characteristics and the functions of the church; a general introduction of Psalms; and the special identity of Jesus from the Gospel according to John. I once again invited those brothers and sister who had received theological education to participate in the pulpit ministry; including Anderson Zeng, Leo Wong, elder Tim Tam and elder Remy Fu. I also organized a one day preaching workshop for the elders, encouraged them to involve in this area of ministry. Elder Diana Wong and elder John Con preached respectively in the Chinese and English worship services. We all witnessed their amble preparation and humility to learn. Their powerful words benefitted many of us. 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. In the beginning of the year and on the Reformation Sunday, October 29, I myself and elder Remy Fu preached on this special and momentous occasion.

In the Chinese Bible Study group, we studied 1st and 2nd Samuel. We explored the life and ministries of Samuel, the prophet, who faithfully served the Lord. During his ministry journey, he anointed Saul and David as kings; as well as witnessed the enormous shift of a God-governing nation to a country ruled by kings. In the Ladies Bible Study, we studied Paul's letters to the Galatians and Ephesians (one of Paul's prison epistles). In the process of study, all ladies were very engaged in the discussion, learning the Biblical principles and applying them to their own daily living situation.

During the summer, our church had our Vacation Bible School. This year was no exception. We thank Lela Ling for leading this vital ministry. The theme was "Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Build for a Purpose" (please read the separate Report). As for the Summer Conference, we thank the Lord for providing Rev. Dr. David Chan who is the vice principal of the Alliance Bible Seminary from Hong Kong to give to the Chinese congregation a four part series from Nehemiah who rebuilt the Holy City of Jerusalem. He challenged us while our church was going through the rebuilding process. For the English congregation, we were blessed to have Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart and Rev. Dr. Robert Paul from our own seminary locally to speak to us about different models and practical strategies on church growth.

Although the enrollment of 2017-2018 A.W.A.N.A. had dropped to seventeen children, those kids who came had tremendous fun in learning the Bible golden verses, games and songs. I would like to thank all the volunteers, who served diligently and quietly, sowing the gospel seeds to this group of children.

The Property Development Task Force thanks the leadership of elder George Sze. We had a total of six meetings. We praise the Lord as our Rezoning Application was approved by the city (please read the separate Report). Many thanks to the PDTF members.

At the November Presbytery meeting, Rev. Alexander applied for a three month sick leave, effective immediately. Please remember him in your prayers.

In the past year, eleven elderly members passed away and joined with our Lord. Among them, three were our respected elders. Like the apostle Paul said, “*⁷ I have fought a good fight. I have finished the work I was to do. I have kept the faith. ⁸ There is a crown which comes from being right with God. The Lord, the One Who will judge, will give it to me on that great day when He comes again. I will not be the only one to receive a crown. All those who love to think of His coming and are looking for Him will receive one also*” (2 Tim. 4:7-8, NIV). We also had five new members, they were: Simmy Wong, Tania Wu, Bruce Li (by Baptism); David Chen and Edith Cai (by Transfer).

In order for a church to strive and to expand her ministries, it is the responsibility of everyone. It requires the participation and involvement of brothers and sisters. I would like to thank all the elders, Board of Managers, the Treasurer and many volunteers, who served faithfully with their minds and strength, dedicated their services to the Lord, prepared God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up, to achieve the theme of our church – Rebuilding of Congregation!

May God richly bless our church!

His servant,

Morgan Wong

Respectfully submit

MY REFLECTION OF THE YOUTH MINISTRY

When I was first called to serve as Youth and Young Adults Pastor at Vancouver Chinese Presbyterian Church, I had the conviction that the youth are the future of the church. It is only right that people want to rightfully acknowledge that someday the youth in our churches will grow up to become our Elders, deacons, and leaders, while doing great things for Jesus. The problem is, that idea implies that youth are not doing great things for Jesus *right now* which I think it is just is not true. I truly believe that we have youth who are doing unbelievable things for Jesus right now in the church. We have the opportunity to help our youth see that they are not just the future of the church, but a real and vital part of the church right now. The youths are not potential members, or disposable parts of the body of Christ. They can play an absolutely critical role in the ministry of the church if we let them. Unfortunately, there is a culture in the church that does not put a lot of emphasis on developing their spiritual formation. As a result, there is a lack of motivation for the youth to take ownership of the church or their spiritual lives. I came to this conclusion after spending the better part of 2017 leading the Youth Ministry at Vancouver Taiwanese Presbyterian Church including my duties at Vancouver Chinese Presbyterian Church since April 2017.

Embracing the Mark 8:36 Principle

The Christian life is a paradox: to attempt to keep your life means only to lose it. A person who keeps his or her life in order to satisfy desires and goals apart from God ultimately loses life. Not only does that person lose the eternal life, he or she loses the fullness of life promised to those who believe. By contrast, those who willingly give up their lives for the sake of Christ and of the gospel actually find true life. To give up one's life for Christ's sake refers to a person refusing to renounce Christ, even if the punishment were death. To be willing to put personal desires and life itself into God's hands means to understand that nothing that we can gain on our own in our earthly lives can compare to what we gain with Christ. Jesus wants us to choose to follow him rather than to lead a life of sin and self-satisfaction. By extension, I see a difference in the spiritual formation of the youths at VTPC and the youths at VCPC. One of the biggest differences is their response to the Word and their willingness to engage and wrestle with it. This is seen in their motivation to come to church and their interactions with me. For the longest time, I did not know why, but I finally understood: the parents embrace the principle of *Mark 8:36*. In other words, the parents put secular obligations and priorities as secondary. It is understood that life is busy and because of this, priorities have to be made. The parents motivate (not impose) God as an important priority in their lives. This habitual inclination to put God first started when the children were young and this desire to have God in the centre of their lives is wired into their very being. Like our youths, there are gifted academics and gifted athletes at VTPC, but God comes first. In the bigger picture, the parents and the children do not feel that investing 2 or even 4 hours a week for God on the weekend is a sacrifice of their time.

To illustrate their priority in their son's spiritual development, one parent shared with me that his son could be the next *Jeremy Lin*, but at what cost? Having a healthy relationship with God will build Godly checks and balances in his life that if truly makes it, he will not be seduced by the attractions of that life.

There are times that I wish I could have an honest dialogue with some parents, but, it is a very touchy subject as I am very aware that the secular lives of our youths are extremely important to them. One of my

biggest fears is for me to encounter our youths in the future and they share with me that God is no longer a priority. I truly hope that parents take a hard look at the spiritual formation of their children and measure the cost of their salvation at the expense of academic and/or athletic accolades.

Youth Service

When I was serving at Evangelical Chinese Bible Church before coming to VCPC, I saw a need to have some form of Youth Service where there is some sort of organized worship and not just simply a Sunday School type of structure on Sunday. The service had worship, Biblical readings, sermon and a benediction. I felt that this was beneficial as the youth were taking ownership of the service as they were participants and not merely spectators. I suggested this idea to Rev. Bartholomew on many occasions, but each time he turned me down. His rationale was that they did not want to divide up the English service up into two services. In addition, he felt that if the youth wanted to come to service, they could attend the regular service. Unfortunately, this was not viable as the majority of the youth are the children of the parents who attend the Chinese Service. It is highly doubtful that the parents will come to the English Service with their children and then attend the Chinese Service while their children attend Sunday School. It was not until this past summer that I was able to have a Youth Service during the months of July and August. While it was short, I saw a lot of fruit from the two months that we had Youth Service. I could see the seeds that I planted as some would recall what I preached about, but more importantly, they took ownership of the service as they participated in the reading of Scripture. It is my prayer and hope that the youth to lead the English Service one a year or twice a year, but not just in terms of the Youth Orchestra, but actually participating in the service with exception to the sermon of course. Even better would be to have a service for the youth between the English and Chinese service times.

Youth Participation in the Church

In terms of the youth currently participating in the church, some play in the Youth Orchestra and some play for the Chinese Choir. While both are worthy places to serve the church, it has been a distraction to their spiritual formation. Some have shared with me that they don't mind serving, but not in both capacities. In their busy lives with so many commitments, it hard for them to juggle two church commitments on a Sunday. More importantly, those youths who are asked to play for the Chinese Choir lose their opportunity for spiritual food on that given Sunday because they are unable to attend Sunday School. We have some youths in the group who are very close to leaving the church because I can see that their spiritual life is not a priority for them. For them, it is important for them to attend Sunday School instead of playing for the Chinese Choir. Of course, I am fully aware that there is a lack of people who can play the piano for the choir, but we need to look at our priorities. I have stated on many occasions that the church is one generation away from extinction. Leonard Sweet who is considered one of the 50 more Influential Christians observed, "The church doesn't lose its kids when they go to college. We lose them much earlier: in middle school most, high school next, college last." If that is the reality the church is facing, wouldn't it

confident that there are adults within the Chinese congregation who can play piano, but either are too shy or needs convincing to serve the church in this capacity.

As I leave VCPC at the end of February, I am reminded of Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 12:13: *"Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into Christ's body by one Spirit, and we have all received the same Spirit."*

Paul stresses that each believer has a significant contribution to make and it is why he uses the analogy of the body, Paul emphasizes the importance of each church member. If a seemingly insignificant part is taken away, the whole body becomes less effective. That is why the whole church body has a role in the Youth Ministry. I am truly grateful to all the elders and those attending who have supported me through prayers and advice during the past 2 years at VCPC. I leave here with a sense of sadness as I will not be part of the new era at VCPC with the commission of a new building, but at the same time excited at to what God has planned with His people at VCPC. It is my prayer and hope that I was able to plant some seeds into the lives of the youths at VCPC so that God will convict them to be the next leaders of the church, but more importantly, faithful Christ-followers.

Prayerfully submitted in Christ,

Bill Chan
Youth and Young Adults Pastor
Vancouver Chinese Presbyterian Church

SESSION(堂議會)2017

MODERATOR & SENIOR MINISTER (主任牧師):

(1996) The Rev. Dr. Morgan Wong, Ba, BTh, MDiv., DMin (黃鼎盛牧師)

ASSOCIATE MINISTER (副牧師):

(2015) The Rev. Bartholomew Alexander (亞歷山大牧師)

YOUTH/ YOUNG ADULTS PASTOR (青少年及職青傳道):

(2016) Bill Chan (陳熾楷)

CLERK (堂會書記):

(2008) Adrian Wong (黃立錚)

ELDERS (長老):

2009 - George Sze (史培鏞)

2004 - Remy Fu-Tam (譚傅秀紅), Diana Wong (黃鍾齊安)

2000 - Victor Ling (林重慶), Adrian Wong (黃立錚)

1993 - Garland Chow (李家麟), Kevin Fong Sang (方勵強),
Tony Tsang (曾木興), Jun Yuen Wong (黃俊源)

1985 - John Con (簡約翰), Gordon Lowe (劉繼興), Timothy Tam (譚仁德)

1976 - Ken Shuen (孫國權), Anita Wong (黃周萃瑜)

區議會代表：

Attendance at Presbytery: Minister - Rev. Morgan Wong (黃鼎盛牧師)

Representative Elder - Adrian Wong (黃立錚)

Alternate Elder - George Sze (史培鏞)

Presbytery Committee Reps:

Mission - Rev. Morgan Wong (黃鼎盛牧師)

Student Certification - Rev. Bartholomew Alexander (亞歷山大牧師)

PWD & Services - Ken Shuen (孫國權)

Properties & Finance - Adrian Wong (黃立錚)

COMMITTEES/TEAM (小組): (Minister(s) are ex-officio members on all committees)

Our deepest appreciation to all the convenors, volunteers and participants who generously gave of their time and talents in serving on the various church committees and ministries including the following:

English Music Ministry, Youth Orchestra, Chinese Music Ministry, Awana, Young Teens, New Horizons, Ezra, Garden Club, History Committee, Leading with Care, Mandarin Fellowship -Alpha, Missions Committee, Pastoral Care Team, Prayer & Share, Offering/Accounting Teams, Personnel Committee, Summer Conference, Senior's Program, Family Fellowship, Westside Fellowship, Web Design, Audio Video Team, Hospitality-Refreshment Teams, Chinese Bible Study, Sunday School, Preschool, Chinese School, Vacation Bible School, Property Development Task Force, Fund Raising Committee, and Worship Ministry (including all participants in both Worship Services, the speakers, interpreters, worship leaders, musicians, singers, ushers, greeters, Children's Focus, Kid's Kare, the contributors of the Flowers and Bulletins, the flower arrangers, the Communion team, etc.)

TERM OFFICERS – 2017

(The following congregational members served term appointments during 2017)

TRUSTEES (教會物業信託人):

- Elected during the AGM to serve a one year term ending at the AGM in 2017.

(* All church real estate are held in trust by the Trustees, and all legal documents concerning the purchase, the encumbrance, or sale of church real estate are to be signed by a majority of at least 4 of the 6 Trustees to be valid.)

Sue Mar (馬麗君)

Alex Wong (黃立章)

Ken Shuen (孫國權)

Diana Wong (黃鍾齊安)

Adrian Wong (黃立錚)

Richard Wong (黃國裕)

BOARD OF MANAGERS (堂務委員會): Serve various terms.

Derek Dewald, Chair (主席)

Linda Sze (史黃美意)

Nelson Chan (陳沛江)

Andrew Wong (黃永聰)

Daniel Lai (黎永佳)

Billy Lo (盧玉明)

*Minister (the Minister or a Session member attend BOM meetings as an ex-official member)

FINANCE/ACCOUNTING TEAM (財務小組):

Linda Sze (史黃美意) - Treasurer (教會財政)
Pearl Lee (李許美娟) - Payroll (薪酬帳務)

SUNDAY OFFERING COUNTERS (點算奉獻):

Marleen Wong (黃李恩恩)
Glady Yeung (楊關素婷)
Alice Wong
Holly Siu (蕭雷慕娟)
Ada Con (簡慧屏)
Yee Louis (雷鄭綺年)
Garland Chow (李家麟)

EDUCATION ADVISORS TO SESSION (教育顧問):

1. SUNDAY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Linda Con (主日學校長：簡黃翠蓮)
2. PRESCHOOL SUPERVISOR : Samantha Chan (幼兒園主任：陳秀雯)
3. CHINESE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Grace Ng Wong (中文學校長：黃吳錦城師母)
4. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DIRECTOR: Lela Ling (暑期聖經班主任：林理祿)

CHURCH SECRETARY (教會秘書): Esther Wong (黃簡蕙舜姊妹)

CHURCH JANITOR (教會清理): Anderson Hao Zhen (甄浩)

A heartfelt thanks to all who served in 2017 - “萬分感謝”

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: (會員及會友)

Members on the Roll as of December 31, 2017

會員：2017 年 12 月 31 日 (126 + 3 + 2 - 11) = Total 120

Added to Communion Roll in 2017 - 加入聖餐名冊:

A. By Baptism of Adults – 成人洗禮: (+ 3)

BRUCE LI (李在峰)

SIMMY WONG (黃佩佩)

TANIA WU (吳天基)

Confirmation – 堅信: (0)

B. By Baptism of Children/Infants – 幼兒洗禮: (0)

C. Transfer In – 轉會: (+2)

DAVID CHEN (陳德福)

EDITH CAI (蔡蔓英)

D. Removed from Roll in 2017 – 會友名冊刪除:

By action of Session 堂委員的決定 (0)

By death 去世 (- 11)

By transfer out 轉會 (0)

IN MEMORIAM 2017 - 悼念:

Members - 會友(- 11)

1. AMY LAM (林洪嬋熙)
2. CHU KONG MOK (莫鑄江)
3. JEAN LIM
4. ENG CHOO NG (吳丁英姿)
5. WINNIE WONG (黃簡玉蘭)
6. SELMA TSO (曹潘慧芳)
7. JUN YUEN WONG (黃俊源)
8. ANITA WONG (黃周萃瑜)
9. TING OI KWOK (郭庭靄)
10. JEAN IP (葉尚志)
11. ANGELA FONG-SANG (方劉淑霞)

Friends/Adherents/Formers Members – 朋友/會眾/前會友：

The Reverend RINSON T. K. LIN (連登權牧師)

ATTENDANCE in 2017 – 出席人數:

Average Attendance at OCM Services 英文堂平均人數: 57

Average Attendance at Chinese Services 中文堂平均人數: 66

Approx. Total Attendance per week 每週平均人數: 123

Average Attendance at Combined Services (4 times in 2017) 聯合崇拜平均人數: 123

REV. BARTHOLOMEW ALEXANDER – UPDATE

-Following the Presbytery Visitation Team's visit to VCPC, they reported on March 7, 2017 to Presbytery

that there were differences between Rev. Alexander & the leadership at VCPC. Subsequently, Presbytery appoints a Facilitator to VCPC to determine whether the differences between the parties could be resolved. After a year long review and attempt to reconcile the parties, the Facilitator concluded that the relationship between Rev. Alexander and the leadership of VCPC were strained, that the situation is not healthy and appears to be worsening, that the working relationship between the two Ministers and between Rev. Alexander and Session are not viable going forward.

-Two options were presented to VCPC and Rev. Alexander:

1. Both parties could waive their right to a review process and request that Presbytery dissolve the Pastoral Tie, or
2. Presbytery on the recommendation of the Ministry Committee could move towards a formal "Review of Ministry" process. This latter option according to the Committee "seemed a non-starter given the dire situation with the pastoral tie".

-In late October 2017, both VCPC and Rev. Alexander requested that Presbytery/Ministry Committee dissolve the pastoral tie between VCPC and Rev. Alexander. Presbytery then drafted a report and recommendations to be considered at the Presbytery Meeting of November 7, 2017. The Settlement Agreement drafted by Presbytery included that Rev. Alexander be given a Leave of Absence to cover the period up to the effective date of Dissolution; and both parties agreed to a transition allowance of 6 months which is above the 4 month minimum that would be applicable in this situation in accordance to the Presbyterian Church of Canada's dissolution policy.

-Then on or about October 26, 2017, Rev. Alexander obtained a "Work Absence Certificate" from his physician saying that effective Nov. 4, 2017 to Feb. 4, 2018 he will not be well and will not be able to work.

- On October 27, 2017 Rev. Alexander confirms to the Clerk Presbytery that he is requesting Presbytery to dissolve the tie. The Clerk also confirms with Rev. Alexander that he accepted the Leave of Absence and to the terms of the settlement.

- However on November 6, 2017, the day before the November 7, 2017 Presbytery Meeting when the matter of the dissolution was to be discussed and voted on, Rev. Alexander changes his decision, and forwards his Work Absence Certificate that he had obtained on October 26, 2017 to Presbytery and VCPC, advising Presbytery that he was not well and asks Presbytery not to proceed with the dissolution of ties at this time. Presbytery on receipt of Rev. Alexander's Work Absence Certificate, placed him on medical leave.

-We ask for your prayers for Presbytery and the Ministry Committee, for Rev. Alexander, Rev. Wong, the Session and congregation of VCPC

-The above summary of events submitted by Clerk of Session

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education at Chinese Presbyterian Church was established by Session in October 2016 in-order to provide oversight over the two privately funded schools under the sponsorship of the Church. The two schools are the Preschool and the Chinese Language School. Oversight includes determining the budget, the recommended curriculum, and any issues that may impact the life of the church, the teachers, and the students.

The purpose of the Board is to provide support, guidance and counsel to the supervisor or principal of the schools. The Board has the power to establish the mission, set goals and give strategic directions to the schools and more importantly to ensure a strong nourishing and safe environment for the growth and development of young children in their formative years that is physically, emotionally and spiritually. The Board ensures proper implementation and evaluation of basic requirements for a healthy learning environment for both students and teachers.

The Board has established a Term of Reference that sets out its accountability and functions. The organizational chart of the Board consists of the chair who reports to the Session as necessary; a treasurer who does the budget; a secretary that keeps minutes of the meeting efficiently; as well as the supervisor and principal of the schools who oversee the day to day operation of the schools. Needless to say, the current Board members are servant leaders by God's grace. The current active members of the Board and officers are: Linda Sze as Treasurer; Lela Ling, the Secretary and the Chair Remy Tam as voting members. Samantha Chan and Grace Ng are non-voting members. Rev. Morgan Wong, the senior pastor of CPC is an honorary member of the Board.

I must honestly say that the schools have some minor contraction in its enrolment for the past years which is genuinely challenging but nevertheless financially it is sound. The Board is grateful to Karen Leung for her long years of faithful service to the Preschool and we wished her well!

Ms. Samantha Chan, the Preschool Supervisor reports that currently there are 2 junior classes with 18 students and one large senior class with 15 students and a teaching staff that includes 2 full time staff namely Ms. Samantha Chan Ho, Ms. Sue Chen and a half time staff Ms. Kelly Kam.

It is heart-warming to have the Parents Advisory Council (PAC) members on board in supporting the school and connecting with other parents and friends in organizing the following activities: Grandparents' Appreciation Day, Easter Party, Field trip to Maritime Museum, Sports Day, Year-end and Graduation Ceremony and the annual church and preschool Summer picnic. Many thanks to PAC chair Ms. Tiffany Lee and her team of dedicated parents. The Board appreciates Elder Garland Chow and his team in making the picnic a success. Thanks to everyone for participating.

Ms. Grace Ng the Chinese Language Principal reports that the weekly Chinese Language school curriculum which offers students opportunity to learn both Cantonese and Mandarin Language happens on Friday afternoon, and the whole day Saturday. The current enrolment is 260 students from grade 1 to 6. In addition to the prescribed Chinese Language curriculum, Principal Grace Ng takes initiative as the school's mission to teach Christian moral values and character formation through Bible stories and the purpose is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, his life, death, resurrection and His reign in our lives with the students and their families. Annually, the whole

student body celebrates Christmas and concludes with graduation ceremony in June. The April Speech Festival is the main attraction for the parents and visitors to witness their youngsters' talent in speaking Chinese poetry, drama and songs, and or dialogue in Chinese Language! Awards are granted as a recognition of the students' lifetime achievements and the trophies are donated generously by Ms. Michelle Cheung. Thanks be to God for His wonderful provision!

It is my prayer and conviction that we must prepare ourselves to be ready for new possibilities and visions that God gives in the coming years. Our strength in the foreseeable future is the location and the changing neighbour-hood in the Oakridge area. We are so blessed that the plan for the construction of a new facility and development of a new church building are on the way to become a reality. Imagine the new opportunity opening before our eyes as God's witnesses.

The big challenge ahead is initiating a Day Care Program for three years old and under in addition to maintaining a uniquely Christian Preschool and Chinese Language Schools. Our prayers are these endeavors will bear more fruit for the kingdom of God by strategic planning and intentionally aiming at Gospel oriented activities in transforming lives. We plead with you to pray and be involved as part of the church community. We welcome your ideas and participation in any way you can.

Soli Gloria Dei !

Remy Fu-Tam
Chair, Board of Education at CPC

BOARD OF MANAGERS REPORT

The Board would like to thank its current members, Andrew Wong, Billy Lo, Nelson Chan and Daniel Lai, for their hard work and contribution, and to thank the Treasurer Linda Sze for participation on the Board and managing CPC's financial matters. We also thank the Session, and Reverend Wong for their continued guidance and support.

The BOM dealt with a number of issues in 2017, including the following:

1. Increasing Financial Awareness of Church operations amongst members. As presented twice in 2017, the Board remains committed and accountable to increasing transparency with respect to the financial position and health of the Church to the congregation. We will continue to make presentations in 2018 and welcome feedback and suggestions from the congregation.
2. The Church rental properties which are managed by VHL, had a number of repair requirements and tenant related issues which occurred during the year. The Board continues to follow the principle of incurring only those expenses deemed necessary for safety of the tenants and to permit the properties to be rented.
3. During 2017 the Church offices were broken into and a number of items stolen from the Sanctuary, the items were replaced however the Board requests and encourages all members and adherents to be mindful and responsible in ensuring all doors remained locked and closed during non-worshipping hours.
4. Unfortunately leaks in the Church building have continued since repairs made in 2016. Given the pending redevelopment current focus is on ensure safety of facilities, please raise any items to the Board for consideration and awareness.
5. Board member Andrew Wong serving on the Property Development Task Force and leading the Transition Committee as part of the on-going Property Development activities.

As the needs and support to the church continue to grow, specifically with respect to the pending property development, the Board is in continued need of those who can support and execute on matters of interest on behalf of the congregation. As such, the Board strong encourages anyone who feels the calling in their heart to speak with an existing Board Member if they are interested in joining or assisting.

In the Lord's service,

Derek Dewald
BOM Chair

CHINESE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD."

Psalm 36:5-6

We continue to study from the same workbook as last year, entitled "The Truths of the Bible". Members of the class take turns in leading the individual lessons. We learned the following:

I. CHURCH MINISTER:

Being a minister in a church is a very high calling of God.

- (1) Personal life: the minister must be reverend - a person who is zealous, holy, and reflect the Lord Jesus.
- (2) Personal ministry: A minister should remember that he is walking in a very special way, representing the Lord Jesus on the earth anytime, anywhere.
- (3) Public ministry: He was instructed to "feed the church of God" by sending messages and explaining the Scriptures so that every congregation may be provided with supplies, and his duty should be to prepare those who are to be baptized for those who believe.
- (4) Motivation: Have a good motivation to honor the name of the Lord. Neither in name nor in favor, but in prayer, sincerity, diligence and faithfulness.
- (5) Adapt to the environment: In all walks of life, he tries his best to adapt to himself. He is a Jew in the Jews. He is a weak person to those who are below the law, who are under the law. "Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you." Hebrews 13:17
- (6) Responsibility: He is responsible to God for the soul of the flock.
"We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. " 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

II. ELDERS AND DEACONS RESPONSIBILITY

1. Elder:

(1) What is elders?

He is a spiritual leader of the Church of Jesus Christ, who is superior to the deacon in his position, but under the church pastors and ministers, usually he is laid hand to bear the job

title, and in some churches he is tenured, in other churches there is only a limited time frame.

(2) Elder eligibility:

1) Above reproach 2) The husband of one wife 3) His children are Believers 4) not be arrogant 5) not be quick-tempered 6) not a drunkard 7) Not violent 8) not greedy for gain 9) hospitable 10) a lover of good

(3) Elder responsibility

1) He provides the spiritual activities of the church 2) He attends worship regularly 3) Chooses an appropriate minister for the congregation 4) When the minister is away he will be take care pulpit 5) Arrangements for special events such as evangelism, Vacation bible school, etc. 6) Assisting ministers in giving Holy Communion 7) Visiting patients, praying for them 8) leading the prayer in public 9) being good at dealing with church disciplines 10) assisting in the censorship of those who will be baptized.

2. Elder:

(1) What is deacons?

In the days of the apostles, the property of the church was public, when some complained that they did not enjoy a fair share of the meal, the apostles felt that their ministry was preaching and teaching, and when others were set up to take care of these vulgar and necessary things.

(2) Deacon eligibility

1) They must be well-appraised 2) People who are filled with the Holy Spirit 3) People who are wise enough 4) Dignified 5) not double-tongued 6) not addicted to much wine 7) not greedy for dishonest gain 8) Have a clean conscience 9) the husband of one wife 10) managing their children and their own households well.

(3) Deacon responsibility

1) take care of the church's business and financial needs 2) Collect offering, save money, pay salaries and utilities for ministers and church staff, and repair chapels 3) teach Sunday school 4) They should be a good role model for attending worship regularly.

III. CHURCH MEMBERS OF THE STATUS:

(1) How believers prepare themselves to be strong witnesses:

1) do whatever they can 2) by prayer 3) by reading the Bible 4) seeking leading by Holy Spirit 5) by witness a quiet and constant Christian 6) living according to the precepts of the

preacher 7) start with a small job 8) by others' autobiography and biography 9) by practicing.

(2) An effective way to teach believers to evangelize:

1) provide rides with your own vehicle 2) participating in the Bible Society 3) Participating in Christian Organization 4) Evangelism at home and abroad 5) Encouraging your pastor 6) the needs of children 7) Teaching Sunday School 8) to be an excellent invitee in the evangelical meeting 9) organize a prayer meeting at home 10) invite people to accept Christ in the evangelical meeting 11) be a counsellor or helper 12) well use flyers 13) sharing the word of the Bible 14) share your testimony 15) comfort people who are sad 16) give food to hungry people 17) take care orphans and widows 18) preach when the minister absence, 19) Praise the Lord 20) donate to the cause of revival 21) do your best all the time.

IV. Revival:

We know that revival can affect three things:

- 1) hand - must be clean - it represents our action.
- 2) the heart - must be holy - the heart represents our feelings.
- 3) Mouth - must not deceive - must be honest - represents our words, these three actions, feel and words, on behalf of our true character.

(1) What is revival?:

Revival means returning to life and restoring conscience. He needs a revival to restore a Christian from retrogression, bringing with him the glory of God's presence and a wonderfully deep feeling.

(2) When do we need revival?

When you are thirst for revival, God will give it to you. Brother lacked love, strife, jealousy, malice, etc. your heart is full of bitterness and hatred, you need to revive.

(3) How to get rejuvenated?

1) Humble yourself 2) Pray – Admit your own sin 3) Seek the Lord - Because we sinned to bring the Lord away from us 4) Turning away from evils - It is true repentance.

If the above four conditions are meet, will appear 1) God will listen your prayers. 2) God will forgive your sin. 3) God will heal and strengthen your life. The Holy Spirit and the Son will guide you.

(4) Why do we need revival?

"For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?" 1Peter 4:17

Only the spirit of rejuvenation can be love your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Revival effect:

Most of the moment communicate with the Holy Spirit, the healing of the broken of the church, the spreading and deepening of the fire of revival, the separation from sinners and rejuvenated Christians to have a far-reaching repercussions for human happiness.

We must be faithful to learn and practice the Word of God, pray that we will influence others in our own lives, lead more people to the Lord and may glory to the Father in heaven.

In Christ,

Mrs. Grace Tsang

(Translated from the original Chinese version)

CHINESE CHOIR

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Thank you Lord for your guidance and protection of the Chinese Choir in the past year.

We pray that you will continue to use each and every one of the choir members singing praises to you and to lead in the music ministry on every Sunday worship service. Grant us good health and willingness to submit totally to your will in what we do and sing to glorify you.

We are grateful to have the patience, heart and knowledge of our conductor Anna Tsang to choose and arrange the choir music for us and to improve choral harmony in singing the anthems. We are thankful for the time and dedication of our church's young piano accompanists for the choir practice every Sunday afternoon and in the morning worship service.

With grateful hearts we thank God for the opportunity to sing in the choir and to glorify our Trinity God.

God's words are full of grace and we ask God to help Joan Lee and Niecer Chan to come back to sing in the choir as we serve together in the music ministry to glorify our Lord.

At 2017 year end Dec 31st Sunday, the choir hosted a luncheon after church Worship Service. We had a good time of fellowship and enjoyed a happy meal together. Thanks be to our Lord.

We are thankful to Anne and YC Fok for taking video of our singing on Sunday and make them available in youtube. We welcome all members to watch them and their input for improvements.

Thanks to all our choir members: Anna & David Tsang, Mandy & Nelson Chan, Ceci Chan, Stella Chan, Juliana Chu, Anne Fok, Mary Lam, Gordon Lowe, Jean Shuen, Elizabeth Wan, Diana Wong for their time and dedication.

In Christ,
Mandy Kwan Chan
Chinese Choir Leader

CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL

2017 has slipped by and a new year just rushed in. God's grace is bountiful, and we thank Him for his abundant love.

Chines Language School continues to have three sections – Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and afternoon. From kindergarten to middle school, we have approximately 260 students. It is a pity to see some elementary graduates give up the opportunity to continue studying Chinese due to various reasons. Therefore, the number of our students has decreased a little. As usual, teachers are very committed to teach with a loving attitude. Parents deeply recognize the nurturing and teaching pedagogy of our school will benefit their children greatly. Thank you for God's blessings!

I would like to thank Ms. Cheung, an enthusiastic and generous alumni parent in supporting our school. She bought the trophies for the winners in our Speech Festival and the students who had outstanding achievement throughout the school year.

This year, our church established the Board of Education. The members include Elder Remy Tam, Mrs. Lela Ling, Mrs. Linda Sze, Mrs. Samantha Ho and myself. I believe the Board of Education will facilitate our education ministry and make contribution in our church and the society. To God be the glory!

I sincerely thank Rev. Morgan Wong for his guidance. Many thanks to all the elders, Board of Managers for their care as well as brothers and sisters who pray for us. May God richly bless you!

In Christ,

Grace Ng

EZRA FELLOWSHIP

“But you are a special people, a holy nation, priests and kings, a people given up completely to God, so that you may make clear the virtues of him who took you out of the dark into the light of heaven.”
1 Peter 2:9

“Build the People of the Church” was the theme for 2017. In Ezra Fellowship, we had devotion/bible study led by different member each week. The purpose is to help each other to grow spiritually through studying God’s words in the Bible.

During 2017, the Fellowship had a vision and decided not to just stay “inside the church”, but also go “outside the building”; therefore, we made visitation as part of our “people building” goal. We visited those people who have not been attending our church for some time. We hope to make more visitations in 2018, especially visiting those who are confined at home or in nursing home.

We are very sad for losing one of our dear fellowship member, sister Jean Ip who passed away suddenly in 2017. Jean had been a devoted member and had attended the fellowship each week for many years. Although her body was weak and her eye sight was not good, these medical conditions did not stop her from attending the fellowship. She is now resting in peace in Jesus’s arms.

Although we lost Jean, but God so blesses our Fellowship that He has brought sister Sandy Fu to our fellowship. Sandy has been attending Ezra Fellowship regularly on the Saturday nights that runs the AWANA program.

May God continue to bless Ezra Fellowship and each member, accepts our ministry, and build upon the people spiritually and in quantity as well.

“Again, I say to you, that if two of you are in agreement on earth about anything for which they will make a request, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are come together in my name, there am I among them.”
Matt 18:19-20

In Christ,
Elder Diana Wong

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

“Every part of scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another - showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God’s way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.”

2 Timothy 3: 16,17 (The Message)

The Ladies Bible Study meets on alternate Friday mornings under the leadership of Pastor Morgan Wong.

Our format is: Observation, Interpretation, and Application.

In 2017, we studied Paul’s letters to the Galatians and Ephesians.

Themes in Galatians: Trust in Christ, not the law; Freedom in Christ; Doing Good to all; Nothing but the Cross; Not Circumcision but a New Creation.

Paul warns believers against the false teachings that salvation requires both faith and traditions.

Themes in Ephesians: Spiritual blessings in Christ; Thanksgiving and Prayer; Unity in the Body of Christ; Relationships - wives & husbands, children & parents, slaves & masters; the Armor of God.

The topic of relationships elicited spirited discussions among us.

We all benefit from looking into the scriptures and seeking God’s guidance to apply what we learn into our lives.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Yuen Mar

PRESCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

We thank God for his love and all his blessings throughout the year. We thank him for providing support needed to help the school run smoothly.

In 2017, a big group of senior class graduated in June. Then, we started our new school year in September with a large senior class taught by a main teacher and a teaching assistance. In the afternoon, we have two junior classes that are taught by me and Ms. Chen. I thank the teachers (Ms. Sue Chen and Miss Kelly Kam) for their dedication in teaching the children and for their care and support.

The parent committee's dedication to the school is also very much appreciated. They quietly and competently plan several events for the students throughout the year. They also unite the church families and school families through the annual picnic in July. In 2017, we hosted our first Grandparents Appreciation Day. As many students are taken care by their grandparents during the weekdays, we would like the students to learn how to appreciate their efforts. In addition, we had a school field trip to Maritime Museum, Sports Day at Peretz Auditorium, Easter Party and our two performances for Christmas and Year-End Graduation.

A very special thanks to the members in the Board of Education: Elder Remy Tam, Mrs. Lela Ling, Mrs. Linda Sze, and Principal Grace Ng for their guidance and support to the preschool. Thank you, Principal Ng, for spending time with our students in practising the percussion band for the graduation performance as well. Also, thank you, Rev. Morgan Wong, for his support and prayers, as well as giving up his Tuesdays day off to talk to the parents at the Christmas and Year End Graduation ceremonies. We also thank the elders, the board members, and the church family for your support and prayers.

We continue to trust God in his leadership and guidance and direction. May all glory be given to him.

"Those who know your name will trust in you, for you Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you."
Psalm 9:10

In Christ,

Samantha Ho

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE REPORT

Every time we review the progress of the redevelopment project, we marvel at the hand of our Lord in leading the way to a renewal of the CPC Ministry via this building redevelopment.

Highlight of the stepping stones March 2017 to February 2018:

- 1) On September 19, 2017 City Council approved the rezoning of our church to 7 stories mixed use building with FSR of 3.08, the councillors took less than 15 minutes to approve our application and councillor Dr. Kerry Jang was also an alum of CPC Nursery School on Keefer Street. We have also achieved close to the maximum density allowed for this location.
- 2) On August 13, 2017 the congregation approved the listing of 6435 and 6459 Cambie Street duplexes with CBRE
- 3) On September 6, 2017 the PDTF signed a listing agreement in conjunction with 6409 Cambie Street to list all three properties at the same time.
- 4) On October 26, 2017 CBRE analyzed various offers and recommended the offer of Commodious Development. A counter offer was made and was accepted. The properties were sold for \$27.3 Million. Commission would be paid to CBRE from this sale amount. We have received an initial deposit of \$ 3M and the rest on the closing date on October 3, 2018. On November 5th, the congregation voted to accept this offer.
- 5) On November 26, 2017, PDTF submitted a comprehensive two part report to the Westminster Presbytery. Part 1 sought the approval of the Westminster Presbytery for the sale of the two duplexes (29 pages). Part 2 sought the approval of the Westminster Presbytery for the Redevelopment (68 pages). After many sleepless nights and overtime work to prepared these reports and faced the Property and Finance Committee on December 4, 2017 with CPC's presentation. On December 5, 2017 the Presbytery voted to approve the sale of the duplex properties as per our Sale agreement. An escrow for the sale must be set up as the funds are intended only for the redevelopment of the Church.
- 6) Between November and December 2017, GBL revised the 4th floor plan to add two more classrooms, moved the Manses to the 3rd Floor. Air space sale will be for 4th to 7th floor.
- 7) On January 17, 2018 GBL submitted to the City of Vancouver documents and updates to complete the rezoning process and apply for a Redevelopment Permit.
- 8) On February 15, 2018 the National Church Architecture Committee met to discuss the architectural design for our Church development. On February 20, 2018 we received word from the General Assembly that the committee deem our drawings acceptable. A further report outlining why we wish to construct this building is to be submitted.
- 9) On February 28, 2018 we will have a kick off meeting for the next phase of design.

10) Andrew Wong has started the transition committee motion.

11) GBL will assist the transition of CPC Nursery School to relocate to Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church with plans for COV.

In His Service,
CPC Property Development Task Force

RE-DEVELOPMENT FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE

This committee was formed by Session in April 2016. Member included: Grace Ng Wong and Victor Ling (co-chairs), Ada Con, Billy Lo, Gladys Kwan, Jean Ip (deceased) and Mary Lam. Sue Yuen and Tim Tam stepped down for health reasons. The objective was to raise \$2 Million for the Redevelopment of our church property. Funds will be raised from the congregation and friends of the church. Donors will be given opportunities for naming spaces and to give in memory of their loved ones.

The fund-raising campaign was launched at the Thanksgiving joint service on Oct 9th, 2016 where everyone received a 2020 Vision card with the information on the building project. The theme was taken from 2 Corinthians 9:7 "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver".

May we all seize such an opportunity; do our best, to build a House for the Lord! What a blessing! God's blessings are like shower pour upon us; His love will also flow down to His children.

Throughout this past year we heard inspiring testimonies from congregation members as to why they decided to support this redevelopment project. A recurring theme was gratitude for God's blessings, His faithfulness, and loving care. Another was appreciation of how this congregation has been welcoming and generous. We will hear more testimonies this year. This building project is a wonderful opportunity to share with friends our 2020 Vision.

Praise the Lord, as of February 18, 2018 the total amount pledged was \$1,303,646.00 of which \$843,885.00 was received in cash or securities.

We plan to wrap up this campaign by Thanksgiving Sunday of 2018 on October 7, 2018. Please continue to pray for this redevelopment project.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee
Victor Ling and Grace Ng Wong

'SHARE & PRAY'

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present our requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, with guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 4:6-7

'Share & Pray', a prayer fellowship of the English-speaking congregation, meets monthly in different homes to pray for the Lord's wisdom and the Spirit's guidance. We pray for our church's leaders and ministries, the church family, and the needs of our greater society.

We give thanks to the Lord for His abundant blessings, and for His timing in answered prayers during the past year.

May His Sovereignty and Grace enable us to face the challenges of living in His Will.

Your prayer concerns are welcome.

Confidentiality is respected.

You are welcome to join us.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Yuen Mar

<susieyuen6@gmail.com>

SUNDAY SCHOOL

“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”
Mark 10:14

We praise and thank God for his continued guidance over our Sunday School. Our staff consists of 12 dedicated teachers and three substitutes who give his/her time and commitment to teach God's Word to children, youth and adults each week. As a staff, we meet two to three times per year at a Potluck Lunch to plan for the year's activities. The children continue to bring offering each Sunday and in 2017, we used our funds to support Presbyterian World Service and Development programs and Camp Douglas. At Christmas, the SS students brought a total of three boxes canned goods to support the Food Bank.

We are continuing our monthly Sunday School Teachers' Prayer meetings on the first Sunday of each month. All congregation members are welcome and our purpose is to pray for the needs of the Sunday School and the church and to praise and thank God for his blessings. We are thankful to God that our numbers have increased slightly and we hope that more people will join us in 2018.

Our registration from preschool to College and Career classes was 33 students. We also had one Adult Bible class of six participants and a Mandarin Adult Bible Study with 5-6 participants. Two members from the latter class were baptized at Christmas. Our total enrolment continued to decrease this year due to a lack of students from the preschool level to Grade 4/5. It seems to be the sign of the times that other activities take precedence over coming to Sunday School. Our children today need to know the gospel to help them face the temptations and distractions in the uncertain and fractured world we live in. Our weekly attendance from preschool to adult classes was about 40-45 students.

Two other programs that are a part of our Sunday School include: Kids' Kare and the Youth Orchestra. The Kids' Kare program occurs during our English Worship service from 9:30-10:45 a.m. Each Sunday, members from the congregation volunteer to look after the children from preschool to Grade 4/5. Bible lessons and Christian videos are provided. There are 1-2 children who join this program while the older children now sit with their parents in the worship service.

Our Youth Orchestra continues to meet for practices on Sundays from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. and have participated in several events this year. We praise the Lord for giving us sixteen talented young musicians. They are at varying levels of ability but the experienced ones are very helpful and patient with the younger members which is most appreciated. This year the orchestra performed at our English Worship services on Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Our goal continues to be to instill in the students a desire to praise and glorify God with their musical talents.

Please continue to pray for our Sunday School that the Lord will bless us with more students especially in the preschool to Grade 4/5 levels and that the students will have a desire to learn God's word and develop a relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Con
SS Supervisor

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT

Vacation Bible School 2017 was held daily from July 17th -21st from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Our theme was 'Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose' a program created by Group Publishing, Inc. The focus of the program was exploring God's love for his children.

God blessed us with almost 50 registrants and He provided us with approximately 40 helpers from both the English and Chinese Congregations who gladly helped to plan, decorate and assist during the week of VBS.

Praise the Lord! Each morning began with staff devotions followed by lively singing and a skit that introduced the theme of the day. The students separated into small groups each under the leadership of one or two youth leaders to engage in a variety of activities organized by the volunteer teachers. The morning activities included: Staff Devotions, Music, Skits, Bible Story Time, Recreation, Snacks and Science activities with each station incorporating the day's Bible message. At the end of each day, we finished with more music and recapped the day's message.

As is our tradition during Vacation Bible School, the children also took part in a Missions project administered by Operation Kid-to-Kid, an international mission project that allows children to serve children around the world. The Lord blessed this mission with faithful and eager young leaders, experienced volunteer teachers, enthusiastic music leaders, many prayer warriors, delicious snacks for the children and staff and amazing children.

We were blessed by the delicious staff appreciation lunch provided by the family of the late Jun Yuen Wong from the Chinese congregation and a delicious cake provided by members of the Chinese congregation. We were especially thankful for the prayers of both congregations and their generous support. I am certain that the students, volunteers and congregations received God's blessings.

In His Service,

Lela Ling

VBS Coordinator

ZION FELLOWSHIP

I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2

Thank you God for His abundant blessings! When we gather as a group in the fellowship, brothers and sisters have a lot of joy in sharing their expressions in Christ and counting God's blessings.

During our fellowship time, we take turn in devotion sharing. We pay attention, support and learn from each other. After our meeting, we have refreshment and we cherish the opportunity to chat with each other and pray for other's needs. Hope you can join us every first and third Wednesday, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The committee members are:

Chair: Grace Ng

Secretary: Siu Wah Law

Program: Eleni Ye

Consultants: Kam Wong, David Tsang

Contact: Linda Tsang, Choi Chu Kan, Mary Lam

General Managers: Yuet Yin Quon, Annie Wong, Sau Hing Wong

Devotion: all members

Chaplain: Rev. Morgan Wong

I sincerely thank all the committee members for their enthusiastic service and joyful participation. God will bless us and renew our spiritual life daily!

In Christ,

Grace Ng

