

# 56th ANNUAL REPORT 2021

**CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH** 

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**LOOKING FORWARD** 

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

### **Chairman's Letter**



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

God has shown His steadfast love, compassion and faithfulness to our church in 2020.

God's mercy in looking after Australia through the pandemic is an obvious cause for thanks. We have been fortunate compared to other parts of the world. Indeed, we should be thankful for the wisdom given to our leaders in government and health services, for the low case numbers and low loss of life despite outbreaks and hotspots.

With respect to our church, I praise God for His mercy, love, faithfulness, and generosity towards His people in our church.

I give thanks and praise to God for enabling His church to adapt to changes and uncertainty and for supplying the resources to meet our church's physical needs and financial commitments.

I also praise God for bringing Pastor Dan Shih and Rev. Winston Mah to help in the English Ministry at Milsons Point; also Rev. Joe Cho to the Chatswood Ministry (Redeemer City Church). It is our prayer that the Pastoral Team can work well together and help the church focus on growing all of us to be disciples of our Lord Jesus. Indeed, we look forward to the unfolding of new disciple- making plans in 2021.

I was excited that we held baptism services in all languages with 15 baptisms carried out. Praise God that the Mandarin ministry even baptized some brothers and sisters at a beach to meet the COVID restrictions.

We should also give thanks to our office team and maintenance team. The office team supported the church during challenging times, working from home and in the office, ensuring our technology was available and that the

church facilities complied with government guidelines.

Meanwhile, our maintenance team carried out muchneeded maintenance on the external walls of the main church building and refurbished the Christian Education areas.

There are still many challenges ahead of us, and we seek your continued prayer and support.

We plan to return to physically meeting at church, knowing that we will all need to be flexible as things can continue to change.

Pray and commit our leadership to God.

In 2021, new elders are to be elected and will commence a 3-year term from May, and our services will have new diaconates.

There is still significant maintenance and upgrades needed for the main church building internally. Pray for wisdom and the resources to manage and pay for the work.

Let us continue to gather as one community to encourage and grow one another in Christ. Together, we can further God's work for our church in this world as Paul exhorts in Philippians 2:1-4:

Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being likeminded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Blessings Frank Lee Board of Elders Chairman

#### **EVERY NUMBER**

REPRESENTS A PERSON

#### **EVERY PERSON**

HAS A STORY

#### **EVERY STORY**

MATTERS TO GOD

# CCC

#### at a Glance

**CONGREGATIONS** 

**ADULTS** 

766 315

**MALE ADULTS** 

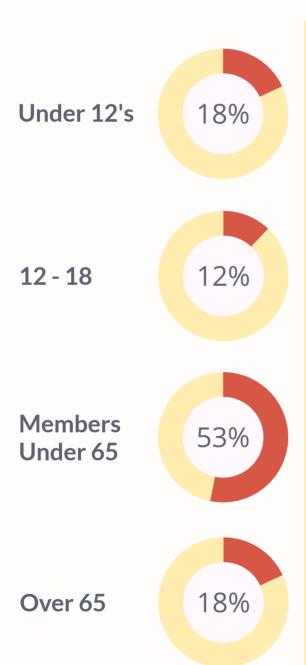
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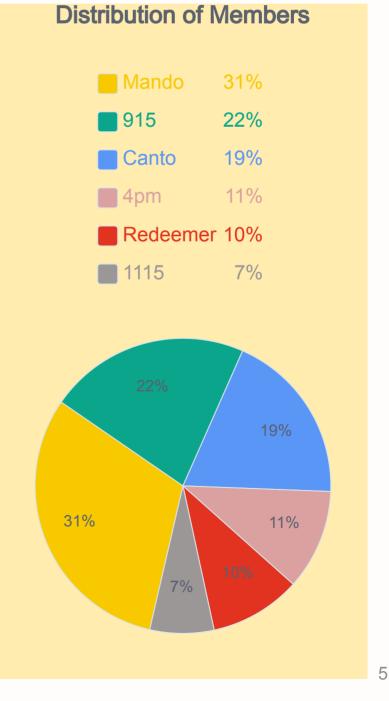
**CHURCH ADULT** 

**MEMBERS** 

**AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE** 

**OFFERTORY** 





As a prisoner for the Lord, then,
I urge you to live a life
worthy of the calling you have received.
Be completely humble and gentle;
be patient, bearing with one another in love.
Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit
through the bond of peace.
There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to one hope
when you were called;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all,
who is over all and through all and in all.
Ephesians 4:1-6



# ONE COMMUNITY

ust as a body, though one, has many parts,
but all its many parts form one body,
so it is with CHRIST.

1 Corinthians 12:12



# **English Ministry**

Like every other service and ministry of CCC, 2020 proved to be a challenging year in more ways than expected.

We began 2020 with plans of how to build a disciple making church. To help us to do this we contracted "The Vine Growers" ministry to help us in the planning , and implementation of a disciple making plan. This proved to be invaluable in guiding through the planning process. Unfortunately, the COVID pandemic upturned all our plans and programs. Nevertheless their consulting work provided a good foundation for the planning and preparation for the English ministry for 2021 and onwards.

Being the sole pastor overseeing all 4 English congregations & youth ministry since 2017 and also directing the Sunday School from 2019 onwards, I am thankful to God, that finally, towards the second half of 2020 God provided extra staff in the persons of Daniel Shih (Young Family Ministries), Winston Mah (Youth Ministry) and Joseph Cho (Redeemer). They are a great blessing and asset to me, bringing their energy, ideas and skills which has greatly complemented my own limitations and weaknesses. While they have their defined roles, together, we are leading and overseeing the whole English ministry

While 2020 was a challenging year, we continue to praise God for the evidence of His grace and power to keep growing his people in the Lord Jesus.

As we turn our attention to 2021 we stay focused on making disciples, doing so with confidence and joy knowing that Gods work to grow his people and to grow the work of the gospel will continue on unabated.

-- Rev Ying Yee --

#### COMBINED EVENTS

One of the goals of the English ministry is to build greater relationship between all the English services. Our combined English events were part of our strategy to help in this direction, while the training events were to help people stay focused on the vision of making CCC a Disciplemaking church. Overall the responses to all our Combined events have been well received.

#### **Attendance**

Good Friday Service 245
Easter Sunday Service 290
Baptism Service 275
Christmas Service 179
Leaders' Training 60



# HIGHLIGHTS

#### **ENGLISH MINISTRY**

915

**Christian Care Ministry** was set up to help coordinate our members in caring for each other as well as providing training for our members in how to care for each other during this time of uncertainty.

Zoom Prayer Meetings 20 attended

**Children's Talks** Each week our gifted members would produce a quality short children's talk. These videos were astonishing and a point of great praise.

**Ted Pak Chung** a former member of CCC and elder, who worshipped in this church for many decades and had not been able to come to worship physically due to frail age. However, the zoom service allowed Ted to join us for worship. Not long afterward, Ted passed away to be with the Lord, but we are truly thankful that he was able to reunite with his beloved CCC before he went to glory.





**Baptism** It was exciting to see a few new members grow in their faith and 2 of them decided to get baptized.

**Young believers group** via zoom. It was exciting to see these people who were not members of our community join the service as unbelievers and over time became Christians.





# 4pm

**Uber Eat Social** everyone was divided into different online groups and asked to order an "uber eat" meal for someone else, and then ate the meal together online.

**Gifts for Frontline workers** As a show of care and appreciation for the work of our key front line workers in the fight against COVID i.e. medicos and teachers etc, the diaconate delivered gifts to some of the frontline workers.





2020 was a year with ongoing changes for CCC, and 4PM was no exception. We spent time looking at what should be the priority of services and growth groups, and adapting to the physical restraints over the year. We underwent many different formats ranging from purely Zoom streams, to more interactive services, to zoom hubs, and finally a few in person gatherings as restrictions allowed.

This encouraged us to think more laterally about what it means to be a community, and what it means to care for one another. From care packages, to Zumba and HIIT Sessions, to buying dinner for each other over zoom (4PM Eats), we tried to prioritise how we can continue to do life with one another, and spur each other on.

Praise God for everyone at 4PM, who continued to lead humbly and faithfully through such a tumultuous year, who had to patiently endure the constant ever-changing formats, who stepped up to serve in unexpected ways, and who simply helped make the 4PM community what it was in 2020. A special thanks to our growth group leaders, zoom hub hosts, AV team, music team, and service team for their immense efforts and sacrifices made over the last year.

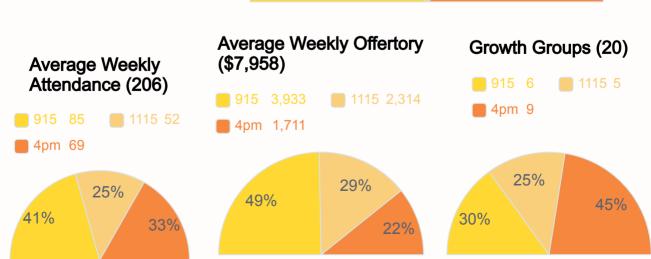
- Phil Leung (4pm) -

#### **English Ministry Deacons** 915 1115 4pm Roland Tan (C) Yong Tan (C) Phil Leung (C) Christine O'Chee Jeremy Lee Addz Leung Edmond Li Lydia Low Alex Yuen Jeremy Tham Shereen Tan Ed Cheng Ken Gock Rebecca Yee

As with all congregations, our worship service team had to pivot to online services. We give thanks to all our members who continued to worship online with us, and for those behind the scenes who had to change how they do things, including our service leaders, musicians, AV personnel and welcomers. Growth groups were particularly challenging, with the switch to online meetings as well, but we thank the growth group leaders who continued to teach and provide pastoral care during a difficult time. Lastly, we thank the PT, Elders, deacons and office staff for not only steering us through the pandemic, but slowly getting us back to meeting in person, with investment in new equipment, and constant government policy engagement..

--YONG TAN (1115) --

# Demographics 18 22% 18-65 63% 63% 15%



## **CANTONESE MINISTRY**

From March 22nd, 2020, to comply with lockdown due to Coronavirus, all services at Milsons Point were stopped. Both Sunday School and Service must be held online. Eventually, all small group activities were held online too. We managed and adapted so well that we quickly moved from initial ignorance to familiarity; from rejection to habit, but furthermore doing church online became a preference for many. From resistance to embracement, together we have experienced an extraordinary year.

Bithiah Ng came as a student pastor to grow & serve together in the midst of us. Besides supporting house groups, her main ministry was prayer ministry and online support work. After her training and college study, she will be seeking the Lord's guidance. We are especially grateful for her efforts and sacrifice in the Cantonese congregation.

Spiritual growth and development in Cantonese

Congregation can be seen in three areas: (1) Sunday Pulpit Teaching Ministry

(2) House Group Minsitry

(3) Adult Sunday School/Bible Class

**Prayer ministry** was able to continue online, whilst visitation and evangelism came to a halt during lock down.

**Different challenges** ahead as the Cantonese congregation grows to full capacity in the chapel: We'll need to develop more teachers and leaders to cater for growth. Also, we await the relaxtion of COVID restrictions so visitation and evangelism minsitry can resume

# We need a holistic gospel and a holistic mission because the world is a holistic mess

-- Christopher Wright --

In 2021, Cantonese Congregation will continue to focus on teaching and pastoral work, as well as discipleship training. As Christ's followers, we will declare the wholistic gospel to our messy generation. Let us become "blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation. Then (we) will shine among them like stars in the sky as we hold firmly to the word of life." (Phil 2:15-16a)

-- Pastor Eric Shing --

#### **EVENTS**

Jan 26 Chinese New Year celebration lunch

Mar 15 First Live Stream Sunday Services

Mar 29 Online Service only (Zoom + YouTube)

**Aug 21 IDMC Conference** 

Oct 11 Onsite (limited) + Online Service

**Dec 25 Christmas Service Online Only** 

Diaconate	2020		
Pastor	Eric Shing		
Chairman	Raymond Lee		
Secretary	Maggie Chu		
Prayer & Visitation	Eric Tam		
Housegroup	Elton Tsang		
Children's Ministry & Communication	Karen Herron		
General Affairs	Winfred Fung		
Christian Education & Music	Joseph Lau (co-worker)		
Treasurer	Eugenia Fung (Co-worker)		





105 \$3,372

Average Weekly Attendance Average Weekly Offertory **72** 

14

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Volunteers

Groups

Baptism

The last annual report ended with the sentence "Relying on God's grace and provision, we boldly face the challenges presented to us in 2020." Indeed year 2020 has been a very challenging year. The bushfire at the beginning of the year was followed by the Covid-19 pandemic. Brothers and sisters experienced isolation of different degree, and some also financial hardship as a result of the lockdown.

In February we adopted the pre-packed Holy Communion as a precaution for Covid-19. On 15 March, we started live-streaming the service online and commencing on 29 March, the service was entirely online through Zoom and later also on Youtube as we followed the rules of restriction set by the government in order to minimise spread of infection. We set up virtual morning tea on Zoom for brothers and sisters to fellowship after the service each week. All Sunday school classes, fellowship groups and meetings were online. We had to suspend both the adult and children's choirs but we managed to keep the singspiration going, with pre-recorded hymns and songs. I would like to thank all the brothers and sisters for their tireless efforts in making it possible to run different ministries online, with only a very short period of preparation. None of us are experts in this field and we are still going through a steep learning curve and I thank the members of the congregation for your patience.

Since 11 October we started returning partially to on site service due to relaxation of the rules of restriction. In order to help Reverend Ying Yee to run all three English services in the Chapel without having to move the audiovisual set up and physically crossing between the chapel and the main church (potentially increasing the infection risk), the Cantonese congregation has relocated to the main church. This is also in line with strategic planning as we expect growth of the congregation after the pandemic due to more people returning or coming from Hong Kong to Australia. With the pandemic new roles of ministry have been created, including audiovisual support, online and on site technical support, and Covid marshals. I would like to thank all of you who stepped into these new roles when we desperately needed volunteers. On 25 December we were hoping to have an on site Christmas service but due to the Northern beaches Covid-19 cluster we had to switch to an on line service at short notice. Despite this, it was a wonderful and very meaningful musical worship.

We praise God that His work cannot and will not be halted by the pandemic. I would like to summarise 2020 in two bible verses: Deuteronomy 33:25b " and your strength will equal your days." and 2 Corinthians 12:9a "But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Indeed God's grace, provision and strength was indeed sufficient for us when we faced the challenges we were presented with in this unforgettable year.

- Raymond Lee -



## MANDARIN MINISTRY

2020 has been a challenging year. The coronavirus pandemic that swept the world and taken the lives of millions, while severely damaging the world economy and significantly impacting the lives of every single one of us. 2020 has also been a year of God's grace and blessings. This year has been tough for the church as well as its members, feeling helpless in the midst of a disaster. In the meantime, we could still experience the sweetness of God's love. Looking back on 2020, we can see that God has been by our side every day and surrounding us with His love and grace. Although the pandemic is still ravaging many parts of the world, we firmly believe that Jehovah is our God, and He rules the world from His throne.

We thank God for looking after our church, such that none of our brothers and sisters have been infected, all His loyal servants are staying well, and we were able to continue congregating.

Due to the pandemic, many activities including celebrations and Sunday lunches have been put on hold since the beginning of the year, with Sunday worship starting to be conducted online from March 22. The challenge of the year was finding a way to continue providing the spiritual bread to the congregation, and maintaining their relationships through fellowships. Such challenges helped us better understand the true meaning of worshiping God. Our God will be pleased by our worship in spirit and in truth, regardless of whether it takes place online or offline.

We thank God for the conveniences brought about by the Internet. We were able to invite our friends and family living as far as China, as well as those who couldn't come to the church for other reasons to join us online and worship our God together. We are also thankful that Jed Bian, a brother who was familiar with computers, was willing to help us solve many problems the Mandarin service faced in streaming our worship online. He was one of many brothers, sisters and deacons who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the smooth operation of our Sunday worship every week.

In order to adapt to worshipping online, we have made a slight adjustment to our Sunday programme by singing one fewer hymn, thus reducing the duration of the service. In order to encourage interactions between the members of our congregation, we have opened Zoom chatrooms that our members can join before and/or after the service.

Apart from Sunday services, all of Mandarin service's training programmes have also been conducted online.



**126** 

Average Weekly Attendance \$3,435

Average Weekly Offertory 72

**Volunteers** 

10

Groups

9

**Baptism** 

#### **Training Programmes**

#### "Father" school training programme

Seven brothers from the Mandarin service participated in the programme which was hosted for the very first time in Sydney. The programme had a total of 23 students who gave excellent feedback. The brothers realised that they weren't able to spend a lot of time with their wife and kids, and don't know how to become friends with their children, often due to their commitment to their career. After taking part in the training, they had a clearer understanding of their role in their families, will aim to practice what they've learnt in their daily lives, and build the father image that God intended in their families.

#### SCCCA mission ministry training "The unfinished story"

On September 6, 11 brothers and sisters from the Mandarin service participated in the 4-part online training.

#### **Evangelism Explosion (EE) training**

The 4th term of EE training start in March. A total of 8 brothers and sisters completed 12 classes. Due to the pandemic, the groups have not been able to practise spreading the gospel 10 times. Spreading the gospel is the duty of all Christians. Even though we haven't been able to what we would have due to the pandemic, we could still spread the gospel to family and friends via other ways of communication. The message of the gospel is relevant and necessary to all of us. May God lead the group members so that they will spread the gospel to more people through perseverance and love.

#### The Life of Christ course

Rev Jeff Wang has continued leading the students through the targeted and systematic The Life of Christ course.

#### Roots and Wings devotional course

Our church needs growth, and in order to do that we need to help the workers understand the meaning of discipleship, and equip them to become disciples. The Mandarin service continued using the book Roots and Wings by Rev Edmund Chan for discipleship training this year. The course consists of 12 chapters and is taught over 3 months. The participants are required to have daily quiet time, and reflect deeply on their spiritual lives. The contents of each class are closely linked, and can be helpful for stimulating personal spiritual growth and renewal. The optimal class size is 6-8 people, with separate groups for brothers and sisters, as the course requires the participants to share with each other frankly.

Commencing on June 7, Pastor Caroline Dong led 6 sisters through this course, and they have all walked away with a lot. The members reported that the self-reflection after each chapter and the group discussion after the 6th chapter were able to touch their soul, and enabled them to inflect their own spiritual lives. The course was a great challenge which not only strengthened the roots of their spiritual lives, but also accelerated its growth and renewal.

#### Other training

Training for deacons and disciples: Rev Chris Chua organised two-part training sessions in April and December for deacons and disciples, teaching them how to become disciples and how to lead fellowships.



#### **Baptized brothers and sisters**

A total of 9 seekers were baptized this year.

In the first half of the year, there were 2 sisters: Yiou Xiang and Jennifer Yu. In the second half of the year, there were 7 brothers and sisters. Paul Ding, Kevin Ling, Elisa Lu were baptized by aspersion, and Sherry Liu, Elaine Chen, Ruth Tan, Viki Peng were baptized by immersion.

All of the brothers and sisters that were baptized have been visited by the EE group members, so that they clearly understood the meaning of baptism. We are so thankful to be witnessing their journeys to being baptized. At every stage of their spiritual pursuit, they have received guidance, inspiration, and company from their family, friends, and pastors. Through their testimonies and stories, we can gain a greater insight into God's unchanging love. Their testimonies are clear demonstrations of God's love.

#### Bible study groups and fellowships

This year, all of the Bible study groups and fellowships met online. Taking advantage of this opportunity, we have invited those who haven't participated in a fellowship before to join one that suits them. We have kept in touch with them over WeChat and motivated the fellowship members to care for each other. The lockdowns resulting from the pandemic gave many families more time to stay in and learn to love each other every day. We would like to encourage more of our brothers and sisters to learn the lesson of prayer, to lead fellowships, and to bring more people to God.

#### **Prayer meeting**

Beginning from the second half of the year, the Mandarin service increased the frequency of its prayer meetings from bimonthly to monthly. With the world in a state of turmoil, we need to pray earnestly and seek God's will more.

Many of our plans may not have come to fruition in 2020, there may have been many frustrations, and many aspects for us to improve on, but 2021 presents us with a fresh start. Let us repent of our sins and turn towards God together. May God help us understand the Love of Christ, and give us the ability to love Him and all those around us in 2021. May 2021 be filled with faith, hope and love! May 2021 become a testament to His name and glory!

-- Rev Jeff Wang--







2020 has been a most challenging year, yet it has also been a year in which God's abundant grace and provision were evident.

Like other churches and congregations at CCC, we adapted our ministries online over Zoom due to COVID. We are thankful that almost all members continued worshipping with us online despite the significant changes and challenges associated with virtual meetings, which is a sign of their faithfulness and commitment to our God and to each other.

In the absence of a full-time pastor for well over 2 years, we have seen the congregation stepping up to serve and care for one another, despite the toil and labour involved. We are also thankful for CCC's continual support and assistance during this period. We were overflowing with gratitude and excitement when Rev Joseph Cho decided to join us as our pastor. Rev Joe's first service at Redeemer coincided with our first service at the Sebel in March, marking the start of a new chapter as we journey onwards. Rev Joe and Alyssa have been such a blessing to us already, having made great efforts to get to know the congregation, with Rev Joe shouldering much of the preaching, leadership, and organizational responsibilities. We are in a phase of planning for the rest of 2021, as well as working on longerterm goals. We look forward to a growing partnership in the gospel, hopefully for many more years to come, as we seek to return to our community and proclaim the good news of Jesus in this city.

-Isaac Wong -



#### **MEET OUR PASTOR**

Reverend Joseph Cho has a passion for proclaiming the gospel in this contemporary world. His desire is to reach out to the many friends and acquaintances who have never encountered Christ, or have left the church and become disconnected from God.

Rev Joe graduated with a Bachelor of Theology from Missionary Sydney **Bible** College in 2013, and has pastored the **English** congregation at Chinese & Australian Baptist Church (CABC) at West Ryde for seven

He is married to Alyssa and in his spare time enjoys basketball, working out, music and good food.

#### **EVENTS TIMELINE**

MAY 2020

**Branch Church officiated in AGM** 



3 year Anniversary Picnic



Official start of Rev Joseph Cho, & Return physical gathering at Sebel



Toys 'n' Tucker donations



**Return to PHYSICAL SERVICE** 

60

**Average Weekly Attendance** 

40-60 Adults; 10-15 Kids

30

**Number of Volunteers** 

\$1.902 Average Weekly Offertory

**DEACONS** 2021

Aaron Chew, Adrian Poy, Kim Poy, Isaac Wong, Sarah Wong, Phil Yee Joy, Char Yee Joy, **Terry Cheng & Nick Fung** 



# Children's Sunday School

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace! (Ps 29:10-11)

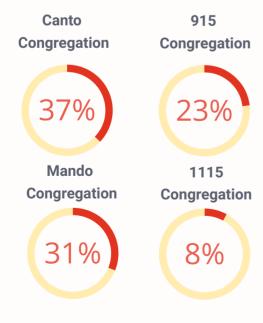
We all know that 2020 was a very special year that we faced a lot of challenges. Yet we have blessings from God. I would like to highlight a crucial blessing form our Lord. The CMC team is full of marvellous and motivated members. When it was first locked down, out of great concern for the spiritual growth of the children, they devised a way to continue the Sunday school via Zoom. We only stopped for one week and then started contacting the students and their parents. Stopping physical gathering could not stop our children from learning the Word of God. Our Sunday school teachers kept seeking possible ways to connect with their students.

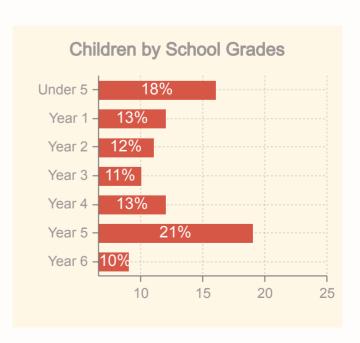
When the pandemic settled, we decided to resume physical meeting. It was a great joy to see the Sunday school students again in church! I thank God for all the wonderful teachers. Looking forward to 2021, I pray that God continues use us to serve Him in the children ministry.

**Pastor Eric Shing** 

99 Children 56 Volunteers 4
Departments

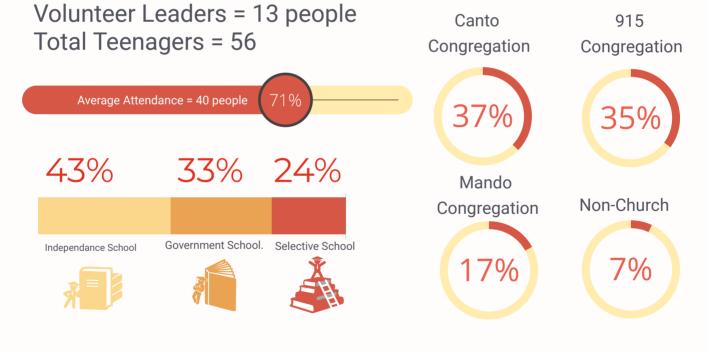
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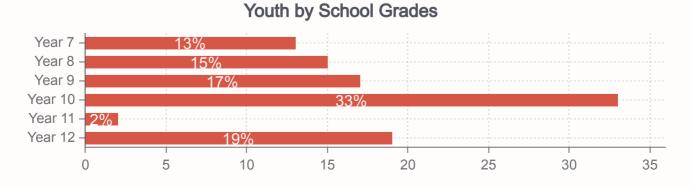
















#### Some key highlights for FY 2020

**Rev Winston Mah was** originally from Malaysia but was raised in Sydney Australia. He began following Jesus at age 19. He is married to Vicki and they have one son, Caleb. When he's not playing board games with his Winston family, loves spending time with people over food, pastries and good coffee. He graduated from **SMBC** with Bachelor of Theology and ordained was in Presbyterian Church of Australia. He has a passion to help others find joy and contentment in a life given serving Jesus and making him known Winston serves in CCC as the pastor to the youth and young adults.



**HSC encouragement night** Normally this is the time we celebrate and pray for those who will be doing their HSC and graduating from FY. This was a great night. Particularly special was the FY initiative to give small encouragement packs to all those sitting for HSC. Justin Zhong physically drove to all the FY HSC er's to deliver the pack as a way to encourage them.

Operation Christmas child After many months of being online, the FY had their first physical meeting. They gathered at Chatswood Chase and to buy items to fill the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. For those who attended we had a fellowship lunch at Chatswood Chase then proceeded back to CCC to pack the shoeboxes. It was a great time to meet up again.

**FY Physical Hubs** While unable to meet physically and yet recognizing how important this was, it was decided to experiment with meeting in small physical hubs in different youth's places based on gender and year groups. This proved to be quite successful and it was great for the youth to meet up again, even though they were smaller groups.

**Back to Church** As the COVID restrictions relaxed, FY was finally able to meet up once again as a whole FY and so we wrapped up the year with a physical FY, talk, and dinner.

**Winston Mah** Of course, the key highlight for 2020 was the hiring of a new youth Pastor in the person of Winston Mah. He has already started meeting with all the leaders to get to know them and to plan for 2021.

2020 was certainly a challenging year for FY yet we continue to praise God for the way he sustained the leaders, the ministry, the youth and provided extra resources in the person of Winston Mah. We look forward to 2021 to see how God will continue to use FY to grow the youth and to bring the gospel to the schools.

-- Rev Ying Yee --

She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:

"Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Proverbs 31:26--30

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# Women's Ministry Committee

#### **Our Vision**

Evangelize women of all ages
Edify and Encourage them in the faith
Equip them for service and
Establish the unity of the church



A group of women from all congregations were able to attend women's conferences during this unusual Covid year via Zoom. We were able to learn from God's Word on the topic of "Eternity" at the Equip Women's Conference in June and "Rest" at the One love Women's Conference in August. Both conferences were followed by a time of sharing what we had been challenged by.

Other women's groups also continued to meet throughout the year to study God's word together. Please continue to pray that the women of CCC will grow in their faith and perseverance so that their lives might bring glory to our loving God.

- IVY YEE -





#### Young Mothers' group

We met 3 times in Feb/Mar before lockdown, then we tried Zoom 4 times from March to May, but it was a bit of a struggle, especially with the little ones. We looked at doing Zoom meetings in the evening, but by the time everyone's kids were asleep, it was too late. The mums were keen to meet face to face, so we have been meeting face to face since mid June. We spent the year studying the book of Zechariah together, with an average of 4 mums meeting each week.

#### **BURWOOD Mothers' group**

This group had a regular attendance of 4-5 mums meeting weekly to study the Bible together. The mums understood more about why Jesus came and died as we studied 1 Peter and started the book of Luke together. Earlier in the year, before Covid, we even had a chance to serve morning tea together after 9:15 service.

Please pray that each of these mums will keep learning more about Jesus and come to accept Jesus into their lives. Pray for us all to be godly models to our children and husbands.



#### Women's Bible Study Group - Silyee Chen

God's faithfulness describes the year 2020 for the WBSG. In spite of the lockdown enforced by the pandemic, meetings have continued as usual on zoom without a break since April. Thank God for this medium and for the increase in attendance during that period, including one member from overseas, so that no one missed out on regular fellowship. Numbers were consistently between 13 to 16. The year began with an in-depth study of the book of Romans by John Stott, followed by a back-to-basics look at The Apostles Creed, then learning spiritual maturity from "Growing Older and Wiser". In August, we welcomed M and J to share their mission and ministry in East Asia and their then uncertain plans for the future. With the relaxation of restrictions at the end of the year, it was a great joy to meet physically for a Christmas lunch at a local venue. There were 18 in attendance for fellowship and catch-up. Praise God for His continual provision for this group over many decades and in spite of the personal upheavals in personal and community life. May God be glorified!

# Growing in Christ

e is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.

Colossians 1:28

### Online Church & Growing Faith

#### **Rev Chris Chua**

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. – Psalm 91:2-3

#### 1. Worship online - benefits and challenges

During the pandemic, the government has imposed restrictions for gathering in the church. Members have to go online at home for the Sunday worship. It has presented a challenge for us to approach God to "offer to Him acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire" (Hebrews 12:28-29). We remind our members to have the right attitude, to be dressed and seated appropriately, just as if in church. We are not coming for entertainment. We are not gathering and to listen to the sermon. We notice many people visited us online only during the sermon. We encourage all to worship in spirit and truth (John 4:23), to join the singing, praying and listening to the preaching..

When we have the Lord's Supper online some members are not sure if it is biblical and feel uncomfortable. We taught them that in partaking of the Lord's Supper we are to remember the Lord Jesus who died for our sins. Before we eat of the bread and drink the cup, we ought to examine ourselves, confess, and repent of our sins. (1 Cor. 11:28). God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and purify us from all sin." (1 John 1:9) Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 2:2) As members of the body of Christ we should love and care for one another, especially during the pandemic. We long to return to physical worship together.

Worship online at home means we do not have to travel and look for parking at Milsons Point on Sunday. Some members use the occasion to visit other churches. It affects their commitment to the church. They might not return to CCC when we resume worship physically. As soon as the government allows us to worship in the church within the restrictions, we encourage members to come to church. We are very pleased to see the number slowly increasing.

Although we are able to use modern technology to worship at home, we have to help some to set it up and teach them how to use it. Sometimes we encountered technical problems which affected the transmission and quality of reception.

#### 2. Bible Study and Caring Groups

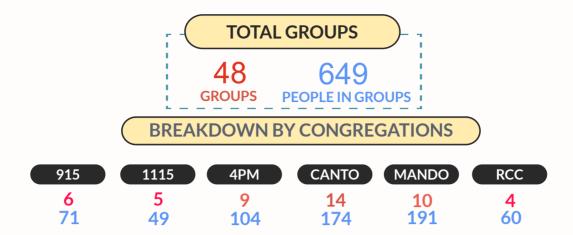
During the pandemic we started to use zoom at home for bible study. We save time. However, despite the convenience, it does not increase the attendance number. For example, the number attending Sunday church prayer meeting went from 30 to 20 when moved to Zoom. Does it mean that people prefer to meet together physically for worship, bible study and prayer meeting?

The Pastoral Team has decided "Discipleship Making" as the theme for the whole church. To make disciples, one has to be a disciple of Jesus Christ first. Our plan is to grow the members spiritually by encouraging them to join the small group, to study the word of God, pray and care for one another. To be effective, Mandarin house groups even restricted the members of each group to 8-10. We aim tol grow more small groups. We have trained some bible study leaders in inductive bible study. In Feb 2021, some of us have begun the study on 1 Thessalonians and learn from the Thessalonian Christians "their work produced by faith, labour prompted by love and endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thess.1:3)

# A church is a faith-building, in person community.

#### 3. COVID\_19 and the Church

Pandemic has made us rethink our understanding of a church. When we worship at home online, the sick and the elderly who are not able to come to church are now able to join us. We also have overseas Christians baptized in our church. When we go back to the church in person, are we going to continue with our online worship service? How do we continue to keep in touch with them and help them to grow spiritually? Are they all members of the Chinese Christian Church? Is the virtual church a "church" in our modern technological world? The Pastoral Team and the church leadership may have to discuss this topic.



Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4

#### 2020 SERMON SERIES

**English Ministry** 

**Cantonese Ministry** 

**Mandarin Ministry** 

Psalms, Hebrews, Exodus & Apostles Creed

Hosea & Acts

Love One Another Series, Daniel & Romans

Strong churches keep the Bible at the forefront. CCC are people of the Book. We preach the word (2 Timothy 4:2). We do so in a kind fashion, but we make no apologies for God's truth. Our "Bible classes", House/Growth groups are times we study the Bible and make effort to apply it to our lives. The strength of CCC comes from individual members. As individual members of the body grow, the body grows. We give emphasis to individuals growing through Bible study and prayer (1 Peter 2:2; Philippians 4:6,7). As well, we see the importance of training. Throughout the year, training is available throughout various ministries and groups.

#### **CANTONESE MINISTRY**

**Adults Sunday School Online Classes** 

Adults Sunday School Online Class: Genesis, Lamentations, Jeremiah, 1&2 Corinthians, 2 Timothy, Apostles Creed, & 8 Steps to Growth House Groups: Colossians Study

#### **MANDARIN MINISTRY**

**Training Programmes** 

FATHERS SCHOOL Trainging Programme SCCA Mission Ministry Training "The Unfinished Story" Evangelistic Explosion Training The Life of Christ Course Roots and Wings Devotional Course Training for Deacons & Disciples

#### **ENGLISH MINISTRY**

**Training & Bible Studies** 

1&2 Peter, Leviticus & Evangelism Philipians, Joshua & James Singleminded Conference Mental Health , Walking with Wisdom & a Walk Through Life with Philip Jensen VINE Growers

#### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

**Training** 

Online Teaching: Engaging Children to learn Story Telling CEP Training

#### FOUNDATION YOUTH MINISTRY

**Training** 

1-2-1 Ministry How to run a Small Group How to Give a Youth Talk

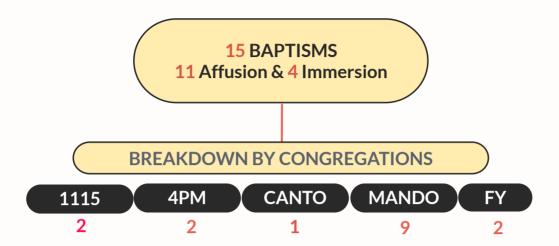
#### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

One Love Conference: Rest EQUIP Conference: Eternity

#### **LEADERSHIP**

Vine Project IDMC

#### Baptism is an OUTWARD sign of an INNER work.



In November 2020, the English Ministry held a baptism service for five of our beloved members. The event was held during a period of strict Covid-19 protocols, so we had participants in all three of our halls, as well as many more church members, family, and friends joining us on Zoom. We held the baptisms in the courtyard, "pouring" a jug of water to signify the washing of their sins away through Christ's blood. We are so thankful to God for our five brothers and sisters who have experienced God's grace in the gospel and made a whole-life commitment to honor and serve Jesus. We were touched to read and hear their personal testimonies and learn of how God has been good to them and how he brought each of them close to him. We give thanks to God that he is growing his Church through our ministry. - DAN SHIH -

After I accepted God into my life, I became more interested in what the Bible was saying and I wanted to learn more about Jesus' love for us, especially because He died for us on the cross as the last Lamb. Christianity is not just about believing in Christ, reading the Bible every day and going to church, but more about repenting of our sins, knowing that we are saved through Jesus' sacrifice and accepting Him as our Lord and Saviour.

-Annabel Liu-

As I learnt more about Jesus, I was also forced to consider what I value in life and was challenged by Matthew 16:26 – "What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?" I realised how futile it was to be blindly chasing after success because even though I achieved many of things I wanted, I never truly felt content or satisfied. However, I did find true joy in being known and loved by Christ.

- Joyce Chen -

God has fascinated me with His GRACE toward His unworthy ENEMIES even though He is so much bigger than us. How HUMBLING it is to stand before the almighty Creator and be invited into His FAMILY. And in reflection, God has really shown how He grew me into having a personal faith and devotion to himself.

- Justin Lee -

The gospel message only started to click in college in the US when I saw how people from all walks of life depended on God daily for food and yet displayed joy, when I witnessed the majesty of nature in all four seasons, when I somehow made it to church in minus 20 deg winters despite pulling overnighters. I saw God's hand everywhere I looked.

- Hao Yee Chan -

A couple of years back I reached the lowest point of my life – I went through a divorce and only got to see my children 4 times a month. I was in an extremely dark place, but I couldn't bring myself to tell a single soul what I was going through. I lost the will to live, relying heavily on alcohol, partying and gambling to forget my sorrows, not caring about my health nor my future.

I met Claire (who is now my wife), and one day she asked me if I wanted to go with her to church. I said yes. I didn't really have any expectations coming to CCC. During my second visit, Rev Ying delivered a sermon on unconditional love, explaining how God will love and forgive us no matter how lost we are. Only then did it sink in that God loves us so much that he sent his only son Jesus on earth to die on the cross for our sins. That's also when I realised that I'm so blessed to have a father here on earth and a Father in heaven that gives me unconditional love.

- Alvin Ruiz Bernaldo -

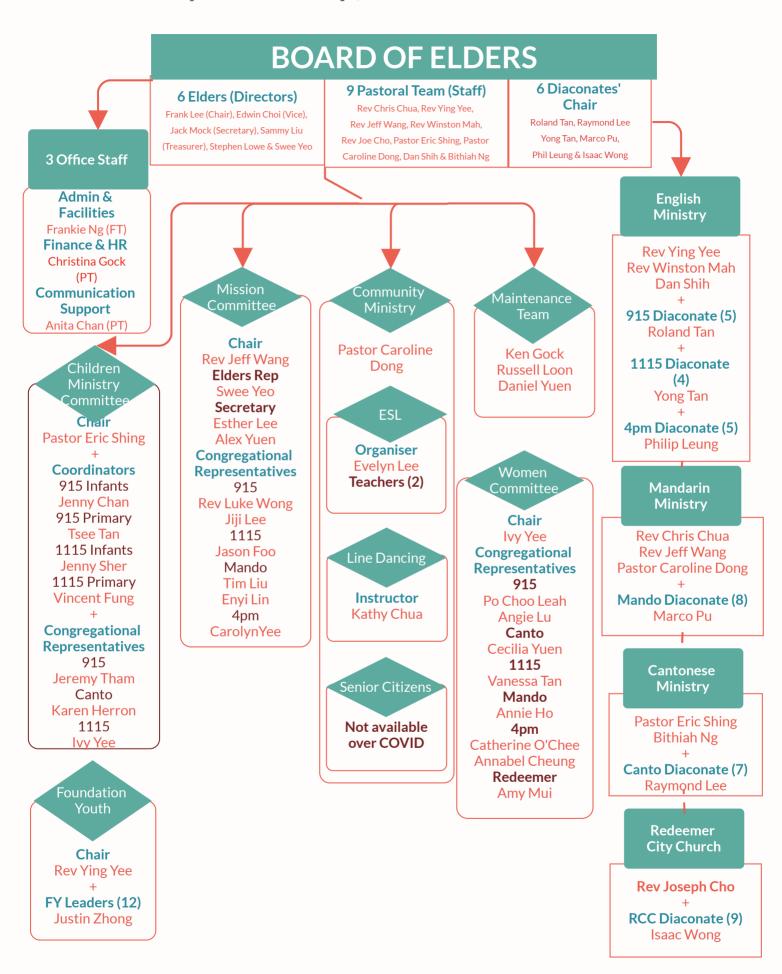


## SERVING IN LOVE

Whoever wants to be first must be your slave — just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Matthew 20:27-28

#### **CCC Key Leadership, Ministries & Committees**



As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace

1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)















Our Elders,
Pastoral Team &
Office Staff

## **New Staff**

#### **Dan Shih - Student Pastor**



As I reflect on my first six months as a member of our church, I am filled with a great love and tenderness towards you. Jo and I have been grateful for your hospitality; from the first Sunday that we came to church (virtually), we have been warmly welcomed by everyone we've met, and we've felt the mutual love and fellowship that we share in Christ.

The best way that I can describe my experience of CCC so far is that we are a family. As we look forward to our future, my hope is that we will also be a missionary team.

Christians are at our most joyful when we are following our Lord in mission. It's not worldly wealth or comfort that we most deeply desire, but to glory in his Name. We do not fear pain or suffering or loss, because we know of the everlasting inheritance in store for us in heaven (1 Pet 1.4). Our values and core beliefs are so different to the world, they cannot comprehend the hope that we have.

This hope drives us to serve each other and reach the world with the gospel. I am so excited to be on this journey with you all! Let's take up our cross together, and eagerly follow in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus, who suffered and died for us, and was raised in glory.

By grace, I'm honored to become part of CCC, to finally see and participate in the mother church of WSCCC. I'm thankful that I can learn from several experienced pastors, and get to know numerous gifted and devoted brothers and sisters in Christ.

During the pandemic, the leadership team closely observed the government's safety measures and worked our strategies for worship and various ministries. Everyone cares for one another, following the teaching in the Bible. There are also lots of gifted body of Christ who are single-minded for Christ and devoted to children's and youth ministry.

I also witness the communication and teamwork between pastors and elders, as they work out future plans, church planting project in line with the church vision, and as they bless and pray for other CCC churches. I'm especially excited about the discipleship theme which will underscore all church ministries. The work occurs along with the church renovation project which aims to maximize the use of existing resources for all ministries. I look forward to more creative and pioneering projects, embraced by our 21st century CCC, putting Christ's great mission into practice.

## Bithiah Ng - Student Pastor



#### **Rev Winston Mah**

Since joining CCC in November last year, Vicki, Caleb and I have enjoyed coming to church each Sunday and meeting people. We feel we have settled quite well and are starting to feel a part of the furniture. I know Caleb really loves coming to church and wants to come to 4pm service even after going to two Sunday school classes in the morning!

It's been a joy meeting many of you and thank you especially to those of you who went out of your way to invite my family and I to your home for a meal or take me out for lunch. We really appreciate the welcome and the prayer you have given us. I know there's still many more people to meet and certainly many more relationships to deepen. I look forward to those opportunities in the future. It's been a pleasure working with various leaders at church and it's encouraging to see that there are many members who really love the church and are really committed and willing to serve sacrificially. May God fill you all with joy as you serve Him faithfully!

A special shout out to the FY leaders! You guys are doing a great job and I'm looking forward to serving God with you all! What an exciting and challenging future ahead of us in 2021 and beyond! I can't wait to see what God does through us and in us. How good is it going to be when restrictions are relaxed and we can fill our church and sing together to worship our God! Who knows how 2021 will exactly pan out?! It might be hard, it might be an adventure, it might the best ever! Whatever it is, let us stay centred in Jesus and be a people filled with the hope that comes from knowing Him.





#### **Rev Joseph Cho**

In July last year, I submitted a job application for the vacant position at Redeemer - intrigued at the missional opportunity the church had, but also anxious about not knowing if I was the right person for the job. I remember sharing this concern with Rev. Yee and he said two things: (1) 'I can vouch for the leadership group - they are a great bunch' and (2) 'Don't worry! You're asian, they're asian... you'll get along!'.

He wasn't wrong on either of these statements. Since joining Redeemer in November last year, leaders and the congregation have been lovely in embracing Alyssa and I to the church. And having a shared asian migrant background has also made it easy to relate and understand each other (despite living and growing up in different areas). We've seamlessly been incorporated into the community and we're very glad that God has led us here.

As I continue through my first year of ministry here, there are two things I look forward to.

Firstly, I'm eager to get to know the wider CCC Milsons Point family and be a partnering member of the Board and Pastoral team. I particularly enjoyed the Vinegrowers training we underwent together last October and look forward to more opportunities to learn and fellowship together.

And secondly, I'm looking forward to better understanding ministry and mission here at Redeemer. Being new to the church and also the area, there is much for me to learn as I lead the congregation. I'll be looking to meet with lots of people, understand the life of an average Chatswood dweller and think about the best way to bring the gospel to them.



## **CHURCH OFFICE**

Praise the Lord for giving us the opportunity to serve Him in His house! Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, 2020 was a year of change – not only globally and nationally, but also in CCC.

The Church Office supported the church in these changing times by:

- Facilitating the migration to the use of Zoom in place of physical meetings when lockdown commenced in March; providing ongoing support to Zoom users; maintaining Zoom cloud recording storage.
- Keeping CCC compliant with government regulations by having an upto-date Covid-19 Safety Plan and Contact Tracing records in place.
- Registering for the government's JobKeeper payments.
- Planning and supporting the running of the AGM in May and EGM in September digitally by electronic proxies and meeting on Zoom.
- Keeping signage on the premises up-to-date and aligned with the changing government guidelines.
- Maintaining Covid Safe supplies.
- Introducing and running processes to reopen the church, such as Covid Safety Marshal Training and pre-registration.
- Providing increased support to the Pastoral Team (PT), Anita started attending PT meetings since September.
- Christina designed and rolled out the new MBA expense claim process to the PT in the second half of the year.
- The Church Office provided orientation for the new PT members who joined the church during the year.
- We provided onsite support to the Main Church Sandstone Makesafe and Masonry Repointing Project that was run by the Maintenance Team from January to July.

CCC took advantage of the downtime to renovate the Education Centre from September to November. The Church Office provided onsite support to the Maintenance Team and the contractor for the Education Renovation Project. We also organized the floor in the hall to be repaired, sanded and repolished in December.

Church Office prepared over 30 policies in 2020. They covered various areas: Safe Church, governance, financials, operations. Thanks to Emily Tan and Lydia Low for their huge assistance in proofreading and improving the drafts.

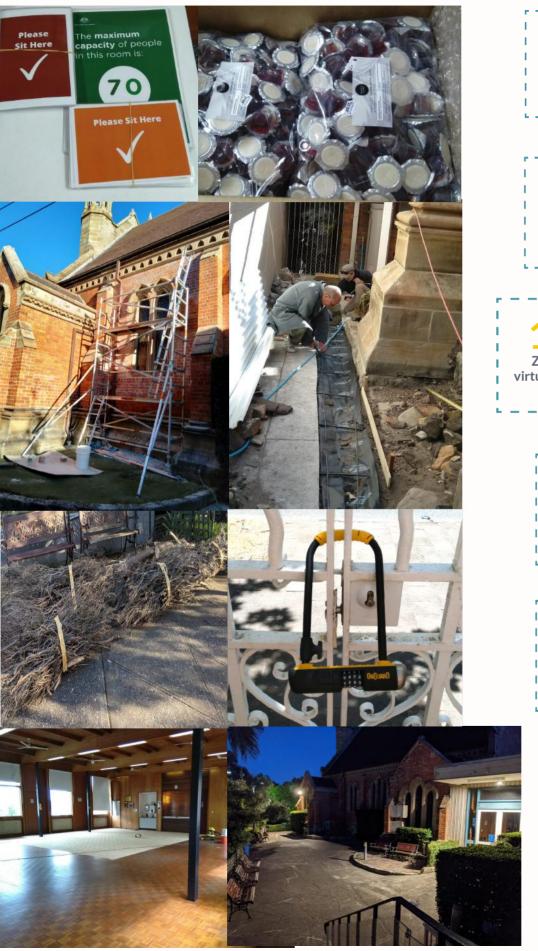
Thanks to Ivy Yee, Ron Huang and Russell Loon who continued to work tirelessly in the background to prepare the church for us to use.

A note of thanks to the translation team who worked diligently throughout the year to do the translations for the Office. We would also like to thank the many sisters and brothers who supported the Church Office in various ways.

Your Servants in Christ,

Anita Chan, Christina Gock, Frankie Ng Church Office Team

## During lockdown, the church was just as busy with many projects happening behind closed doors!!





10 ZOOM virtual rooms

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9818

ZOOM I Meetings I Conducted I

LIVE

Webinars AGM & EGM



FACEBOOK Members



228
Payments made

## **Maintenance Team**

Over the past year, much work has been performed on both the external and internal areas of the church building, Education Centre and hall. A team of people who are both officially part of the maintenance team in looking after the building works, and unofficially in maintaining the gardens, external chairs and surrounds have contributed to the upkeep of the premises. Brothers and sisters have also contributed in the fields of architectural and electrical consultations. Collectively their efforts have allowed us to worship, teach and disciple in an environment which honours our Lord who has blessed us with the Milsons Point facility.

The repointing and replacement of deteriorated bricks in the church building has been completed to eliminate water ingress. A new 100mm PVC stormwater pipe to which the southern downpipes are connected has been laid under the southern concrete path tFloor drains will also prevent water pooling on the ground below the Education Centre awning. The northern downpipes have been plumbed away from the garden beds and roof sumps and gutters cleared. A few more downpipes are still to be plumbed out of the garden beds, eastern flashing is to be replaced and investigation of possible blocked gutters are still to be performed. These works will be conducted in the coming months.





#### **Upcoming work for 2021**

- Refurbish internal walls of church
- Seal walls to protect against rising damp
- Upgrade main switch board located in music store room
- Replace church fluorescent lights with dimmable and intensity selectable LED lights
- Replace wall fans in church with High Volume Low Speed fans
- Upgrade to a digital AV system in the church and hall
- Replace stage lighting in the church which will be controlled form the AV system.
- Install a wooden platform for the baby grand piano (donated by Mandarin Service) in the church
- Repair drainage above main foyer and replace ceiling.

# REACHING THE WORLD

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Acts 1:8

## **COMMUNITY MINISTRY**

#### **ESL MINISTRY**

Our English classes are designed to help people in our community from all cultural backgrounds who would like to improve their English in a friendly and relaxed environment.

In the Past, we have once served...







In 2020 there have been many changes to the ESL ministry. Several members have now left the ministry and we thank God for their past service and witness to the community. Due to the pandemic, classes went online. Consequently, only one class for advanced students continued throughout the year. Praise God that there remain a small number of regular students who are maintaining connections to our church and engaging with the bible as well as improving their English. Please pray for God's guidance and will for this ministry into the future. We pray for the Lord's enabling to rebuild the ministry and again offer in person classes very soon. We ask him to provide the people and resources required, so that ESL at Milson's Point will continue to engage with the local community and bless it with the gospel as well as English lessons.

- Evelyn Lee

## LINE DANCING MINISTRY

2020 has been an interesting year for all of us, including Line dancing. Our highlight in 2020 was the cruise to Moriton Island in Early February (6th -9th of February). Praise God that we had this opportunity before covid prevent us to do so & it was a good time spending with the ladies outside our church. Normal class attendance usually around 30s, our last physical class was Wednesday 4th of March before we had to close the class due to Covid'19

-KATHY CHUA



## MISSION COMMITTEE

Rev Jeff Wang (Chairman) Swee Yeo (Vice Chairman) Esther Lee & Alex Yuen (Secrataries) Rev Luke Wong (915) Jiji Lee (915) Jason Foo (1115)

Tim Liu (Mandarin) Enji Lee (Mandarin) Carolyn Yee (4pm)

The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. (Matthew 9:37-38)

One might ask, why should we be involved in world missions when there are so many in our city or country who still do not know the Lord? Shouldn't our mission field be right where we are with the people around us? True, mission starts locally, but it should also expand globally because God has commanded us to "go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19) and He has promised that "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8).

#### YOUR PARTNERSHIP is invaluable: JOIN US!





## **OUR MISSIONARIES**

2020 was a particularly challenging year for our missionaries due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. Travel restrictions and lockdowns meant that ministry activities had to be adapted. Yet in spite of the challenges, God's power was evident and the pandemic could not stop the Good News of Jesus from being shared. In fact, the lockdown and subsequent online activities created some new mission opportunities.

In Spain -- Although the country was badly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Lord has graciously kept James, Carolynn, Toby and Gabriel Webb safe as they continue to serve in Zalla

From USA to Mongolia -- Chloe, Conrad and Lucas Chung - They were on Home Assignment in the US when travel restrictions started due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Then in Sept 2020, despite the travel restrictions, the Lord opened the door for them to return to Mongolia on an evacuation flight for Mongolians. The miraculous events leading up to their departure included unexpected favours, last-minute changes and near-misses! After a 40-hour journey from LA-NY-Frankfurt-UB, and after doing 21 days of quarantine in a hotel, they finally arrived home in Mongolia.

In East Asia -- J and B returned to EA with their 2 children, and despite many challenges, continue to witness for Christ through their business.



In Thailand -- John and Denise Dickson together with some Thai Christians started their new Gospel Community named "Arun Nakhorn" (which roughly translates to "city of new light" (or dawn). It is based in the south of Chiang Mai where there are almost no churches.

10/40 window (above) has the most unreached population with an estimated 3.13 billion people. 41.6% of the world's population or approximately 3.2 billion people have never heard the Gospel. Today as more migrants, international students and temporary residents come to Australia, we also have mission on our doorstep.

In Sydney -- Phil Snelling leads the team at FOCUS Macquarie. They met in small groups in homes and also met together each Friday via Zoom. They were able to have more summer events than usual as their international students couldn't go anywhere!

In Asia -- H and S moved their family of six (2 adults + 4 children) and ministry from East Asia to Singapore. Despite the restrictions, they saw growing interest in missions among people from various countries From East Asia to Sydney -- M and J, with their 2 children, initially returned to Sydney on Home Assignment, but after much thought and prayer, they decided not to return to East Asia. They are now serving in Sydney.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

For 2020, despite the difficulties which Covid-19 brought, 101 shoeboxes were delivered to Fiji, Cambodia, and Malawi and Madagascar in East Africa. A total of \$2,785 was donated. \$2,215 was used to fill shoeboxes and cover shipping costs. The remaining \$570 was donated to support "The Greatest Journey" Discipleship Program, which is offered to every child who receives a shoebox. Every child who completes this course receives a certificate and a Bible in their own language, and 1 in 5 children come to know Jesus personally.

Thank you to everyone who supported Operation Christmas Child this year:

The FY leaders and students who attended the Shoebox Packing Social to help wrap and pack 60 shoeboxes.

Those of you who filled another 41 shoeboxes and delivered them to our drop-off locations.

Those who were willing to make their homes drop-off locations for these shoeboxes.

Those who helped to ensure size and wrapping of shoeboxes were satisfactory before delivery to warehouse.

Those who made monetary donations.

Those who prayed.

-IVY YEE-



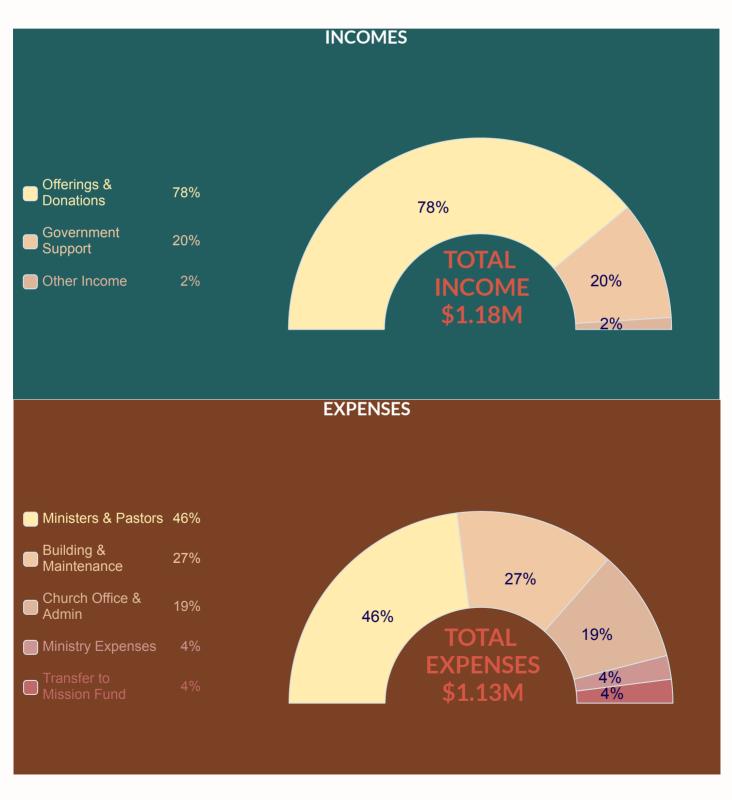


## FINANCIAL REPORT

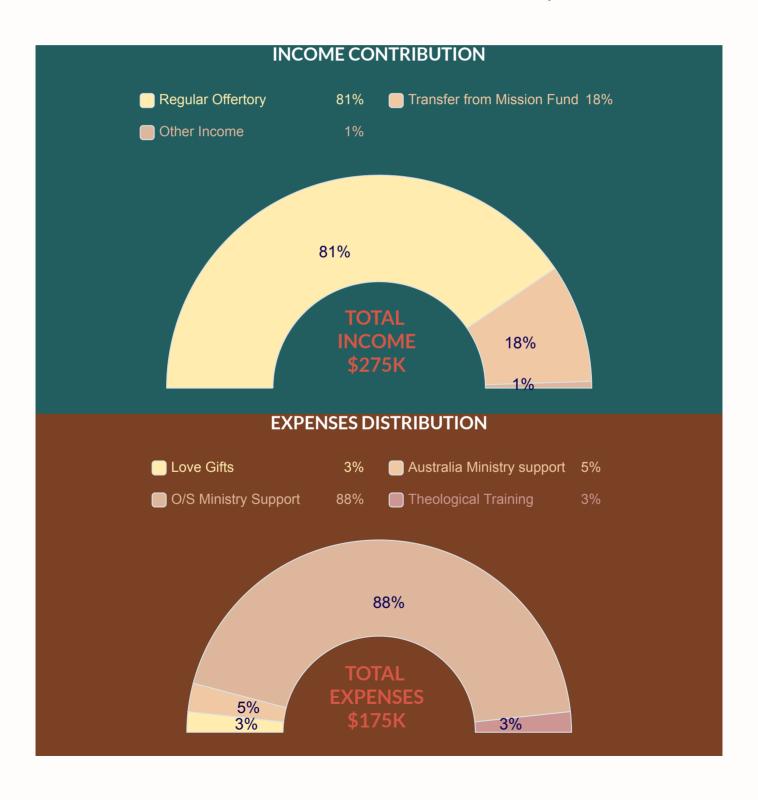
Wealth and honor come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.
In your hands are strength and power
to exalt and give strength to all.
1 Chronicles 29:12

## **Financial Review**

#### **GENERAL FUND NET SURPLUS: \$50K**



#### **MISSION FUND NET SURPLUS: \$100K**



GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

Your directors submit the financial report of the company for the year ended 31 December, 2020.

The names of the directors in office at any time during the financial year are:

Frank Lee (Chairman) Edwin Choi (Vice Chairman) Jack Mock (Secretary) Sammy Liu (Treasurer) Stephen Lowe Swee Yeo

Chinese Christian Church Sydney is a company limited by guarantee and also a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission which holds deductible gift recipient status for its School Building Fund.

The principal activity of the company during the financial year was the operation of the Chinese Christian Church (CCC) at Milsons Point.

The objectives of the Church are the advancement of Christ's kingdom by spreading the Gospel; the education of the members in the Scriptures, in worship, in Christian service and in witness; and the co-operation with other churches of similar faith in evangelism and mission at home and overseas.

To achieve these objectives, CCC focuses on 5 key areas:

- To be strong in evangelism, sharing the good news with those who are lost.
- To be strong in establishing new people within the CCC community.
- To be strong in edifying people, helping them in their walk with God, reading the bible, with prayer and loving each other.
- To be strong in equipping our people to know how to serve each other in love.
- To be empowering people and creating new and creative ways for people to serve according to their gifts and passion in order to grow CCC to become a leading Chinese Church in Sydney and beyond.

The COVID pandemic which started early in 2020 led to lockdowns from March 2020 and significantly disrupted the way our church has operated. The lockdowns meant that physical worship services and other church activities at Milsons Point or Chatswood were no longer possible and the majority had to be moved online. Major events planned for 2020 were either cancelled or postponed to 2021. The weekly attendance with the online meeting format was lower compared to pre-COVID and the regular offertory was also reduced. However, the government stimulus packages such as JobKeeper provided funds that offset the effect of the reduction in regular offertory. CCC continued to maintain a healthy financial position through the pandemic.

We are thankful God provides for His people and that the members of CCC are generous in their financial support, time and energy towards the activities of the Church.

The company recorded a net surplus of \$272,054 (2019 \$602,284) for the year, including a net surplus arising from the building funds of \$123,446 (2019 \$314,861).

The company is prohibited from declaring a dividend and none were declared or paid.

The auditors have provided the declaration of independence to the economic entity as prescribed in the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) Act 2012. Refer to Note 1 of the financial statements.

Attendance of Directors at the meetings of the Board of Elders was as follows:

	Meetings	
	Entitled	Meetings
	to Attend	Attended
Frank Lee	12	11
Edwin Choi	12	12
Sammy Liu	12	12
Stephen Lowe	12	12
Jack Mock	12	11
Swee Yeo	12	12

No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the company. No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or any part of those proceedings.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

Frank Lee

Chairman

Dated: 24 March 2021

Junk Lee

#### STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2020

2020	2019
\$	\$
928,625	1,085,512
221,621	127,173
167,653	187,085
1,317,899	1,399,770
236.702	0
,	168,430
	1,321
2,029	1,321
300,445	169,751
1,618,344	1,569,521
(1.082.167)	(807,238)
	(165,600)
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(1,346,290)	(967,237)
272,054	602,284
	\$ 928,625 221,621 167,653  1,317,899  236,702 60,914 2,829  300,445  1,618,344  (1,082,167) (175,200) (88,923)  (1,346,290)

The Statement of Comprehensive Income is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER, 2020

		2020	2019	
		\$	\$	
Current Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	9	6,816,321	6,660,804	
Receivables	2	54,745	5,879	
Prepayments		10,027	12,173	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		6,881,093	6,678,856	
Non Current Assets				
Property, plant and equipment	3	196,104	196,104	
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>		196,104	196,104	
TOTAL ASSETS		7,077,197	6,874,960	
Current Liabilities				
Payables	4	139,559	146,754	
Provisions	5	193,971	164,981	
Deferred income		7,780	7,780	
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		341,310	319,515	
Non Current Liabilities				
Provisions	5	29,988	121,600	
<b>Total Non Current Liabilities</b>		29,988	121,600	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		371,298	441,115	
NET ASSETS		6,705,899	6,433,845	
Equity				
Contributed equity	6	0	0	
Reserves	7	6,705,899	6,433,845	
TOTAL EQUITY		6,705,899	6,433,845	

The Statement of Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2020

		2020	2019
		\$	\$
MOVEMENT IN RESERVES			
GENERAL FUND			
Surplus for the year		48,880	263,118
Accumulated funds at 1 January 2020		1,312,302	1,049,184
General Fund accumulated funds at 31 December 2020	7	1,361,182	1,312,302
CARE COMMITTEE FUND			
Surplus for the year		0	(
Accumulated funds at 1 January 2020		46,090	46,090
Care Committee Fund accumulated funds at 31 December 2020	7	46,090	46,090
at 51 Determet 2020	,	40,070	70,070
MISSION FUND			
Surplus for the year		99,728	24,305
Accumulated funds at 1 January 2020		550,898	526,593
Mission Fund accumulated funds at 31 December 2020	7	650,626	550,898
SCHOOL BUILDING FUND			
Surplus for the year		91,052	204,700
Accumulated funds at 1 January 2020		951,846	747,146
School Building Fund accumulated funds			
at 31 December 2020	7	1,042,898	951,840
ONE CHURCH TWO LOCATIONS BUILDING FUND			
Surplus for the year		32,394	110,161
Accumulated funds at 1 January 2020		3,572,709	3,462,548
One Church Two Locations Building Fund			
accumulated funds at 31 December 2020	7	3,605,103	3,572,709
Total Accumulated Funds at 31 December 2020	7	6,705,899	6,433,845

The Statement of Changes in Equity is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

#### CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2020

		2020	2019
		\$	\$
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>			
General Fund offerings and donations		911,311	1,085,512
Mission Fund offerings and donations		221,621	127,173
Building Fund offerings and donations		167,653	187,085
Government support received		212,852	0
Interest received		60,914	168,430
Other income received		2,829	1,321
General Fund expenses		(1,157,540)	(763,594)
Mission Fund expenses		(175,200)	(168,760)
Building Fund expenses		(88,923)	5,601
Net cash provided by operating activities	9	155,517	642,768
Change in Cash Held			
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		6,660,804	6,018,036
Cash at the end of the financial year	9	6,816,321	6,660,804
Net increase in cash held		155,517	642,768

The Statement of Cash Flows is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

#### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2020

#### 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of Preparation**

#### (a) Statement of compliance

The general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) Act 2012, Australian Accounting Standards (AASBs) and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB).

The Chinese Christian Church is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly has no share capital. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of this financial report are presented below. They have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

#### (b) Basis of measurement

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and is in accordance with the historical cost convention which does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

#### (c) Income Tax

The company is exempt from the payment of income tax pursuant to Section 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

#### (d) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office, in which case it is recognized as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or as part of an item of expense.

Receivables and payables are recognised inclusive of GST. The net amount of GST recoverable from or payable to the Australian Taxation Office is included as part of receivables or payables.

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2020

#### 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### (e) Property, Plant and Equipment

The freehold land and building owned by the company are heritage listed and valued at cost.

In accordance with AASB 116 certain heritage assets, including heritage buildings, may not have a limited useful life. Such assets are not subject to depreciation. The decision not to recognise depreciation for these assets is reviewed by the Board. This is in line with AASB 116 'Property Plant and Equipment' Guidance on the accounting treatment of heritage and cultural assets.

The directors have chosen not to revalue the building because of the difficulty and expense of obtaining a valuation and their opinion is that if a valuation was obtained it would not add any further value to the financial report as the company has no immediate intention of selling the place of worship that it owns.

#### (f) Employee Entitlements

Provision is made for the company's liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee entitlements including wages and salaries, annual leave and long service leave have been measured at their nominal amount.

Contributions are made by the company to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as an expense when incurred.

Employee benefit obligations are presented as current liabilities in the statement of financial position where there is no unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting period.

#### (g) Depreciation

Purchases of plant and equipment are expensed in the year of purchase.

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2020

#### 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### (h) Impairment of financial assets

The adoption of AASB 9 requires the recognition of an allowance for expected credit loss for all debt instruments not held at fair value through profit and loss.

The simplified model applies for trade receivables with maturities of less than 12 months and recognises lifetime expected credit loss from the first reporting period. For each of the impairment approach, the loss allowance reduces the carrying amount of the financial asset.

The company has adopted the impairment model required under AASB 9 which does not have an impact on this report.

#### (i) Revenue from Contracts with Customers

AASB 15 requires an entity to recognise revenue according to a 5-step approach which evaluates when a performance obligation is satisfied, i.e. when 'control' is transferred to the customer.

Accordingly, the company recognises revenue either at a point in time or over time as and when the customer obtains control of the goods and services. The company recognises revenue at a point in time when it has a present right to payment and the customer has obtained the ability to direct the use of goods and services provided. Revenue is recognised over time if the customer receives and consumes the benefits provided by the company. The company recognises majority of the revenue streams point in time.

When AASB 15 does not apply to a transaction or part of a transaction, the company then considers the application of AASB 1058.

#### (j) Income of Not-for-Profit (NFP) Entities

As a NFP entity, the company applies AASB 1058, in conjunction with AASB 15 when it enters into transactions where the consideration to acquire an asset is significantly less than the fair value of the asset, and the asset enables the entity to further its objectives. The excess of the asset (at fair value) over any 'related amounts' is recognised as income immediately.

The directors have chosen not to recognise volunteer services within the financial statements, given the fair value of these services cannot be reliably measured in financial terms.

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2020

#### 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### (k) Leases

AASB 16 requires an entity to recognise its leases on the balance sheet. The lease liability is measured as the present value of future lease payments.

For short-term leases (lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low-value assets, the company has opted to recognise a lease expense on a straight-line basis as permitted by AASB 16.

### Auditor's Independence Declaration under subdivision 60-C section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission (ACNC) Act 2012

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 December 2020 there have been:

- a. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) Act 2012 in relation to the audit; and
- b. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

S R Coffey

**Partner** 

Watkins Coffey Martin Chartered Accountants

24 March 2021

#### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2020

2. RECEIVABLES Government Support Income Receivable Franking Credits Receivable GST Receivable  Total receivables	\$ 23,850 17,314 13,581 54,745	\$ 0 0 5,879
Government Support Income Receivable Franking Credits Receivable GST Receivable	17,314 13,581	5,879
Franking Credits Receivable GST Receivable	17,314 13,581	5,879
GST Receivable	13,581	5,879
Total receivables	54,745	5,879
3. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
100 Alfred St, Milsons Point at cost	196,104	196,104
Total property, plant and equipment	196,104	196,104
4. PAYABLES		
Current	100.050	120.526
Amounts Held in Trust	128,258	129,526
Sundry Creditors	11,301	17,228
Total payables	139,559	146,754
5. PROVISIONS		
Current		
Provision for Annual Leave	109,474	85,263
Provision for Long Service Leave (Current)	84,497	79,718
Total provisions (current)	193,971	164,981
Non Current		
Provision for Building Repairs	0	101,608
Provision for Church Planting	29,988	19,992
Total provisions (non current)	29,988	121,600

The Provision for Building Repairs closing balance of \$173,688 was applied against building repairs and maintenance expenses for the 2020 year.

#### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2020

#### 6. MEMBER'S GUARANTEE

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In accordance with clause 6 of the memorandum and articles of association, every member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of a shortfall on winding up to the extent of two dollars (\$2) each.

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
7. RESERVES		
General Fund	1,361,182	1,312,302
Care Committee Fund	46,090	46,090
Mission Fund	650,626	550,898
School Building Fund	1,042,898	951,846
One Church Two Locations Building Fund	3,605,103	3,572,709
Total reserves	6,705,899	6,433,845

#### 8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The names of the directors in office at any time during the financial year are:

Frank Lee (Chairman) Edwin Choi (Vice Chairman) Jack Mock (Secretary) Sammy Liu (Treasurer) Swee Yeo Stephen Lowe

Directors received no remuneration from the company.

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2020

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
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Reconciliation of Cash		
Cash assets at the end of financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows are reconciled to the related		
items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:		
Cash assets		
- Cash on hand	1,952	1,6
- General Fund main account	399,941	172,7
- House party account	49,524	5,1
- School Building Fund main account	147,808	7,5
- One Church Two Locations Building Fund account	0	6,0
- Term deposits	6,217,096	6,467,6
1		
Total cash assets	6,816,321	6,660,8
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Total cash assets  Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities	6,816,321	6,660,8
Total cash assets	6,816,321	6,660,8
Total cash assets  Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities	<b>6,816,321</b> 272,054	
Total cash assets  Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to operating surplus for the year		
Total cash assets  Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to operating surplus for the year  Operating surplus for the year		
Total cash assets  Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to operating surplus for the year  Operating surplus for the year		
Total cash assets  Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to operating surplus for the year  Operating surplus for the year  Net cash flows in operating surplus:		602,2
Total cash assets  Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to operating surplus for the year  Operating surplus for the year  Net cash flows in operating surplus:  Changes in Assets & Liabilities	272,054	602,2
Total cash assets  Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to operating surplus for the year  Operating surplus for the year  Net cash flows in operating surplus:  Changes in Assets & Liabilities  (Increase)/decrease in receivables	272,054	602,2 (2° (9,0°
Total cash assets  Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to operating surplus for the year  Operating surplus for the year  Net cash flows in operating surplus:  Changes in Assets & Liabilities (Increase)/decrease in receivables (Increase)/decrease in prepayments	272,054 (48,866) 2,146	6,660,8 602,2 (27 (9,0) (24,49 66,4

155,517

642,768

Net cash provided by operating activities

### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2020

#### 10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### (a) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk refers to the risk that the value of financial instruments or cash flows associated with the instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates.

The company is exposed to interest rate fluctuations on its cash at bank and on deposit. Accordingly the company actively monitors interest rates for cash at bank and on deposit to maximise interest income. The following table summarises the interest rate profile of the company's interest-bearing financial instruments:

	Weighted Average Interest Rate		Floating Interest		Fixed Interest Rate Maturing within 1 Year	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
Financial assets	%	%	\$	\$	\$	\$
Deposits at call	0.01	0.01	599,225	193,117	0	0
Fixed interest	1.45	2.15	0	0	6,217,096	6,467,687
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>			599,225	193,117	6,217,096	6,467,687

#### (b) Credit Risk

The company's maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying amount of financial assets as disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position and notes thereto.

The company does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single debtor or group of debtors under financial instruments entered into by the economic entity.

### (c) Net Fair Values

The net fair value approximates their carrying value. No financial assets and financial liabilities are readily traded on organised markets in standardised form.

The aggregate net fair values and carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities are disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position and notes thereto.

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### **DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

The directors of the company declare that:

- 1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 3 to 14 are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) Act 2012 and:
  - Comply with Australian Accounting Standards including the Australian Accounting Interpretations and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013;
  - Satisfy the requirements of the Australian Charities and Non-for-profits Commission Act 2012;
  - c. Give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2020 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the company.
- 2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors and signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Director (Chairman)

Dated: 24 March 2021

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE MEMBERS OF CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH SYDNEY

### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Chinese Christian Church Sydney for the financial year ended 31 December 2020. The financial report includes the financial statements comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, the directors' report and directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the financial report of Chinese Christian Church Sydney is prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act), including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2020 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards, and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the registered entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ACNC Act, and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Codes) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the ACNC Act, which has been given to those charged with governance, would be in the same terms if given as at the time of this auditor's report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide basis for our opinion.

### Director responsibility for the financial report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The director's responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibility for the audit of the financial report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report.

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However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.

Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

#### **WATKINS COFFEY MARTIN**

**Chartered Accountants** 

S.R. COFFEY

Partner

Sydney, 24 March 2021

### DETAILED REVENUE AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2020

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
GENERAL FUND		
Income		
Offerings and donations	928,625	1,085,512
Government support	236,702	0
Interest received	12,895	33,527
Other income	2,829	1,321
Total Income	1,181,051	1,120,360
Expenses		
Operating expenses		
Ministers' stipends and expenses	(516,109)	(379,049)
Building maintenance and related expenses	(302,782)	(138,679)
Office staff wages and expenses	(150,581)	(129,670)
Administration expenses	(57,861)	(55,581)
Ministry expenses	(50,834)	(102,908)
Audit fees	(4,000)	(1,351)
Total Operating expenses	(1,082,167)	(807,238)
Donation to Mission Fund	(50,004)	(50,004)
Total Expenses	(1,132,171)	(857,242)
General Fund surplus for the year	48,880	263,118
MISSION FUND		
Income		
Offerings and donations	221,621	127,173
Donation from General Fund	50,004	50,004
Interest received	3,303	12,728
Total Income	274,928	189,905
Expenses		
Mission Fund expenses	(175,200)	(165,600)
Total Expenses	(175,200)	(165,600)
Mission Fund surplus for the year	99,728	24,305

This detailed revenue and expense account has been prepared to provide additional financial information. It does not form part of the audited financial report.

### DETAILED REVENUE AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2020

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
BUILDING FUND		
Income		
School Building Fund offerings and donations	167,553	179,113
One Church Two Locations Building Fund offerings and donations	100	7,972
Interest received	44,716	122,175
Total Income	212,369	309,260
Expenses		
School Building Fund expenses	(88,923)	5,601
Total Expenses	(88,923)	5,601
Building Fund surplus for the year	123,446	314,861
Total Surplus for the Year	272,054	602,284

This detailed revenue and expense account has been prepared to provide additional financial information. It does not form part of the audited financial report.

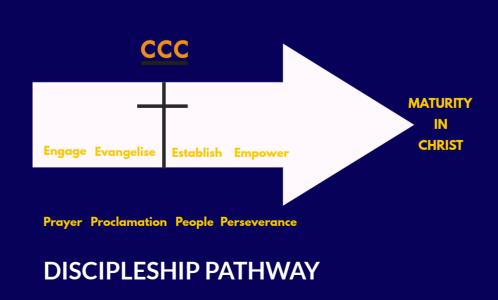
Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans. Proverbs 16:3

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# JOIN US IN 2021

# To be a church that "makes disciples who make disciples"



# ... and surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

**Matthew 28:20**