<u>CCC</u>

2022 ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT



"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."

2 CORINTHIANS 1:4-5

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We had hoped that after the global pandemic which started in early 2020 our church life would return to something close to our previous normal during 2021, but it did not turn out to be the case. In fact, a new "normal" is emerging for church life and our church has had to adapt to ever changing COVID rules and restrictions. This has created a huge amount of uncertainty making it challenging for us to plan too far ahead.

Despite the challenges and church restrictions our and members have faced, I am very thankful that our overall attendance, whether it be physical or online, has been relatively stable throughout 2021. During extended lockdowns, our switch to online-only services has been smooth. Much to the credit of our pastors, deacons, volunteers and the church office who worked extremely hard behind the scenes to keep everything running. I am grateful for everyone's contribution to our church.

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

During the AGM in 2021, we our elected elders for following three years. I want to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge the faithful service of the four elders who stepped down (Frank Lee, Swee Yeo, Stephen Lowe and Jack Mock). I am also thankful for Edwin Choi and Jeremy Tham who will continue to serve alongside me as elders in the coming term. It is humbling and a real privilege for us to be serving in this capacity together.

I also want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the faithful and loyal service of two of our beloved pastors; Rev. Chris Chua, who has served CCC for 35 years and Rev. Ying Yee, who has served CCC for 30 years, both amazing milestones. The church leadership is very thankful that God has led Chris and Ying to pastor our flock over all these years.

One of the blessings in disguise the 2021 extended lockdowns, was that it enabled us complete the main church renovations. This was a very large and complex project. I want to thank the maintenance team and office church for diligence and hard work to complete the project successfully.

We thank God that following the renovations, the main church building will no longer leak and the deterioration of the building has been slowed.

The church leadership spent a large part of 2021 thinking through how best to restructure our worship services to better serve members and achieve our ministry objectives. I want to thank the church subcommittee members who spent three months participating in intensive meetings to come up with a proposal to present to the board of elders for consideration. I am pleased that the restructure approved by the board of elders will launch in February 2022. This will be an important milestone in our church history. I also want to thank the wider leadership community of the church who contributed to the restructure in different ways to enable this to happen. We pray that God will use this restructure to continue the growth of the gospel and members through our church.

Over the years, CCC has been blessed abundantly both in terms of human and financial resources. We thank God for His provisions through the generosity of our church members who not only contribute their valuable time and energy, but also their financial resources as well.

We pray that God will use this restructure to continue the growth of the gospel and our members through our church.

Except for the one-off renovation spend of around \$500k, we managed to end the year with a surplus in both the General and Mission Funds, even though we had budgeted for deficits at the beginning of 2021. This is particularly amazing in the context of the pandemic, so we are thankful to our members for this.

As we conclude 2021, despite the challenges and uncertainties ahead of us, we have great hope of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. The gospel of Jesus is one thing that never changes. Through our church, we want to bring this gospel and hope to those around us. Let us work together towards the Great Commission Jesus has given us – to glorify God by making disciples of all nations.

SAMMY LIU BOARD OF ELDERS CHAIRMAN

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."

2 CORINTHIANS 4:7-9

COMMUNITY

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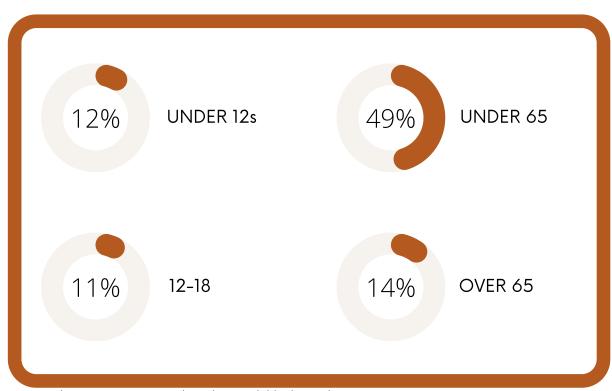
CCC AT A GLANCE

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CONGREGATIONS ADULTS UNDER 18

412 530 \$19,617

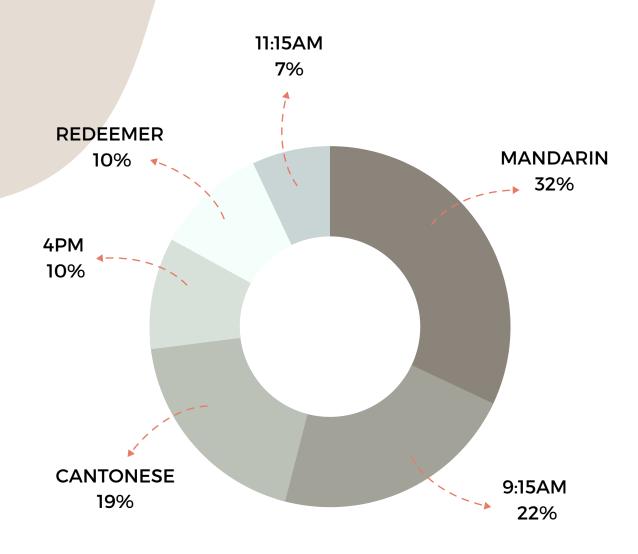
CHURCH ADULT AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE OFFERTORY



Note: Above age statistics are based on available data only.

DISTRIBUTION

OF MEMBERS



"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

2 CORINTHIANS 4:18

CCC KEY LEADERSHIP, MINISTRIES AND COMMITTEES

BOARD OF ELDERS

ELDERS

Sammy Liu, Edwin Choi Up to AGM: Frank Lee, Jack Mock, Stephen Lowe, Swee Yeo From AGM: Jeremy Tham

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Chris Chua, Rev Ying Yee, Rev Jeff Wang, Rev Winston Mah, Rev Joe Cho, Pastor Eric Shing, Pastor Caroline Dong, Pastor Dan Shih

DIACONATE CHAIR

Elton Tsang, Marco Pu, Philip Leung

Church Office

Admin and Facilities Frankie Ng

Finance and HR Christina Gock

Communication Support Anita Chan

English Ministry

Rev Ying Yee
Rev Winston
Mah
Pastor Dan
Shih
+
English
Leadership
Team (5)
Philip Leung

Mandarin Ministry

Rev Chris Chua Rev Jeff Wang Pastor Caroline Dong + Mandarin Diaconate (8) Marco Pu

Cantonese Ministry

Pastor Eric
Shing
+
Cantonese
Diaconate (9)
Elton Tsang

Redeemer City Church

Rev Joe Cho + Leadership Team (11)

Children's Ministry Committee

Chair Pastor Eric Shing

Coordinators 9.15 Infants

Jenny Chan
9.15 Primary
Carmen Seeto
11.15 Infants
Jenny Sher
11.15 Primary
Vincent Fung

Congregational Representatives

9.15
Jeremy Tham
Canto
Karen Herron
11.15

Ivy Yee

Mission Committee

Chair Swee Yeo

PT Rep Rev Jeff Wang

Secretary Esther Lee Alex Yuen

Treasurer Jason Foo

Prayer
Facilitator
Carolyn Yee

Promotions Enyi Lin

Foundation Youth

Chair Rev Winston Mah + FY Leaders (12)

Justin Zhong

Maintenance Team

Ken Gock Russell Loon Daniel Yuen

Women's Committee

Conference Coordinators

Coordinators
9.15
Ivy Yee
Angie Lu
Canto
Cecilia Yuen
11.15
Vanessa Tan
Eva Tiong
Mando
Annie Ho
Jane Leung

4pm Catherine O'Chee Nina Yang

Ministries Partor Caroline

Community

Pastor Caroline Dong

ESL

Organiser Evelyn Lee Teachers (2)

Line Dancing

Instructor Kathy Chua

Senior Citizens

Not available over COVID





















ENGLISH **MINISTRY**



OVERALL ENGLISH LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

ENGLISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Responsibility for the oversight of the English ministry

- Phil Leung (Chairman) 4 pm
 Ken Gock 9:15 am
 Chris Lee 4 pm
 Yong Tan 11:15 am

- Ivy Yee

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP TEAMS

9:15 am

- Christine O'Chee
- Phil Khor
- Ken Gock

11:15 am

- Yong Tan
- Lydia Low
- Shereen Tan
- Jeremy Lee

4 pm

- · Addz Leung
- Rebecca Yee
- Alex YuenEd Cheng

KEY EVENT

HIGHLIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Combined leadership meetings

with all the English leaders, attended by 60 to 70 leaders

Eat, Share, Pray, Love (ESPL)

small group inter-congregational dinners to foster community building

Basecamp

Katoomba men's conference

Women's conferences

Equip and OneLove

Combined baptism service

at Chinamans beach

Marriage seminar

Combined English services

- Baptism
- Christmas
- Father's Day and Mother's Day
- Easter

SOME FOCUS AREAS

- Restructuring the English services.
 - Merging the three English congregations into one intergenerational congregation to help build disciples across all the seasons of life.
- Building community.
 - Many activities were organised to help build relationships and a sense
 of community between all the three congregations. We organised small
 inter-congregational dinners where people from different
 congregations came together for a meal, had fellowship and shared
 their lives.
- Making disciples using the 4E pathways and the 4P tools.



A key focus of 2021, was the restructuring of the English ministry and the merging of the three English congregations into one new English service at 10:45 am. While the discussion to merge the congregations began in earnest with the Pastoral Team and the Board of Elders in the middle of 2021, the journey began many years ago.



For many years the three different congregations provided an opportunity to focus on the needs of the different age groups. However, over time it became more evident that this situation was not healthy in building disciples long-term nor was it healthy for CCC overall. It furthered the ageing and decline of the morning congregations and did not provide opportunities for the younger ones to grow as disciples when they transitioned from one stage of life to the next. Further, over the years we saw a gradual exodus of young people out of the evening service and CCC altogether. This would have a long-term impact on the sustainability of the children and youth ministry as well accelerating the ageing of the CCC demographic.

Through extensive and robust discussions with the Pastoral Team, the Board of Elders and the leaders from all the different congregations, it was finally agreed that it was good to proceed with this restructure and merger. It has been encouraging to see the overall support of this restructuring. No doubt there will be teething issues as we work through some of the logistical hurdles. Nevertheless, by God's grace we believe this merger will have a positive impact on CCC.

BUILDING











Another focus area was on building communities, not only within each congregation, but between congregations. Various activities were organised to achieve this, such as:

- Combined services
- Combined Leadership days where all the English congregation leaders would come together for mutual encouragement, building of relationships and for training. Our average attendance was between 60 to 70 leaders.



Overall, our combined events were well received and it was encouraging to see relationships built between the different congregations.



MAKING DISCIPLES

While the restructuring has dominated discussions, we recognised the need to stay focused on our priority work, which is to make disciples. The restructuring of the English services was to serve this greater purpose. We have been greatly blessed to be coached by Craig Glassock from Vinegrowers ministry. He provided help in developing a disciple making pathway known as the 4Es and the 4P tools.

4Es

- Engaging with unchurched people.
- Evangelising to the unchurched.
- Establishing believers in the faith.
- Empowering them to engage, to evangelise, to establish and to empower others.

4Ps

- People: Making disciples is everyone's duty and not just the duty of the pastor.
- Prayer: It is divine work.
- Proclaim: It is about sharing the word of God to others.
- Perseverance:
 Transformation takes time and so we need to persevere with each other.

Our growth groups were encouraged to regularly pray for unchurched friends and relatives and members were encouraged to spend time building relationships with those outside the church. It was encouraging to see the different ways God has used his people to bring his gospel to those outside the church.











GOD'S GRACE IN THE MIDST OF COVID

Like every other congregation, the English ministry struggled with the restrictions of COVID as well as the constantly changing pandemic rules.

Nevertheless, God continued to show His grace.

We saw people learning to trust in God, making opportunities to share His gospel to others and new people still joining our services albeit online.

THE ENGLISH PASTORAL TEAM

In 2021, we were blessed to have Rev. Winston Mah and Pastor Dan Shih on the Pastoral Team. Undoubtedly, they joined at a difficult time being unable to meet with church members physically for most of the year. Despite these limitations and restrictions, their impact on CCC and the English ministry in particular has already been felt. We praise God for his provision in giving us these two faithful servants.

CONCLUSION

2021 was a year of change with many challenges, yet through it all God was good and gracious. 2022 no doubt will bring new challenges and changes. Nevertheless, we can face it with confidence knowing that God is the same yesterday, today and forevermore.

CANTONESE MINISTRY

Average attendance: 115
Average total weekly offering: \$4144

Diaconate

Pastor	Eric Shing	
Chairman	Elton Tsang	
Vice-chairman/Housegroup	Mark Herron	
Secretary/Mission	Maggie Chu	
Worship/Communication	Lawrence Li	
Visitation/Caring	Freddie Fung & Yvonne Au	
Senior and Prayer	Eric Tam	
Sunday School	Raymond Lee	
Evangelism	Kris Ma	
Children	Karen Herron as a co-worker	
Youth	Anita Chan as a co-worker	
Christian Education/Music	Joseph Lau as a co-worker	
Treasurer	Eugenia Fung as a co-worker	
Bulletin	Cecilia Yuen as a co-worker	

Major events

May 30	Evangelical Sunday Service	
Apr 2	Good Friday Prayer day	
Nov 6	Planning Day	
Nov 21	National Church Life Survey	
Dec 19	Thanksgiving lunch	

Regular activities

Activities	Frequency	Activities	Frequency
Diaconate Meeting	Monthly	Eder Fellowship	Monthly
Prayer Meeting	Weekly	Hezekiah Fellowship	Monthly
Sunday School (three classes)	Weekly	Simeon Fellowship	Monthly
Choir	Weekly	Barnabas Fellowship	Monthly
Children Choir	As required	Joshua Fellowship	Monthly
Worship singing group	Weekly	Daniel Fellowship	Monthly
Visitation	Arranged	Jonah Fellowship	Monthly
Family Worship	1st and 3rd Sunday	Esther Mothers' Group	Fortnightly
Eden Fellowship	Monthly	Eunice Mothers' Group	Fortnightly
Canaan Fellowship	Monthly	Deborah Mothers' Group	Fortnightly
Timothy Fellowship	Monthly	Men's Groups	Monthly

CANTONESE MINISTRY

Pastor's Report

In 2021, Australia and the world continued to be affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Lockdown and border closures had become a new normality. In the face of uncertainty, the Cantonese congregation pressed forward in the turbulent seas.

Due to the pandemic, both the Children and Adult Sunday Schools and all Bible study classes were held online. Notwithstanding on-site services being held in Milsons Point on and off, we ultimately had to put a halt to the on-site services, and run all small group activities on Zoom. We readily accepted this new change, and moved from initial rejection to embrace the convenience of online church activities. However, how can online activities replace face to face communication? How can it replace physical greetings and support? We hope to return to Milsons Point for physical greetings and encouragement in the near future.

Over the last year, the Cantonese congregation continued to remain steadfast in the following three aspects of pastoral work:

- 1. Service and preaching
- 2. House groups
- 3. Learning from God's word



1. Service and preaching





Notwithstanding that on-site services were only held for a short period of time during last year, and most of the time the services were held on Zoom., The number of attendees not only remained steady, but more brothers and sisters from overseas were able to participate in our services, and greet each other online.

<u>Praise God for His glorious grace in enabling new friends to join the Cantonese congregation.</u>

In the first half of 2021, the theme of the sermons was "discipleship making". Through the study of the Gospel of Matthew, we learnt about the characteristics of God's people, how we should rely and keep in step with the Holy Spirit, and be God's good witness. In the second half of 2021, we went through the Book of Joshua to learn how to be faithful in following Christ for God's kingdom. We especially thank our guest speakers Rev. Charles Cheung, Rev. Frankie Law, Rev. David Truong, Rev. Grace Lee, Rev. Gary You, Rev. Jason Tam, Rev. Tony Wong, Pastor Arthur Chan and Bithiah Ng for preaching to us. We also thank Rev. Chris Chua, our members Kim Chan and Anita Chan, our deacons Raymond Lee and Elton Tsang, for serving us through sharing the pulpit, for the spiritual growth of our brothers and sisters.

2. House groups

We continue to encourage our brothers and sisters to participate in different fellowship groups, so that we can build stronger fellowship and edify each other.

The Cantonese congregation has:

- Two senior fellowship groups.
- Eight fellowship groups based on families.
- Three women fellowship groups.
- One men's group.

In the first half of 2021, the men's disciple making group used Rev. Edmund Chan's "Root and Wings" as a guide to meditate on the Scripture and study God's word to learn how to be a disciple. Through the study over a six month period, six members strengthened each other as they grew spiritually. In the second half of 2021, the group continued their fellowship through Saturday breakfast meetings, and shared their daily challenges with each other while enjoying breakfast. This allowed them to support and pray for each other. Their meetings have been fruitful.

For the last year, more than 70% of our service participants were part of a fellowship group. In the monthly fellowship gatherings, through mutual care and support, the brothers and sisters are able to edify and be in fellowship with each other. To complement the sermon theme of discipleship making, each fellowship group finished reading John Stott's "The Radical Disciples", to learn how to be a disciple. The Eden (Senior) group joined the study in the second half of 2021.

We especially thank the leaders of the various fellowship groups. Their labour in the Lord will not be in vain.

In 2022, the Cantonese congregation will continue the men's disciple group and will launch the women disciple group. In response to the increasing number of members, we will need to set up more house groups, in order to provide pastoral care for the body of Christ, and to prepare for the challenge of an influx of new immigrants from Hong Kong.

3. Learning from God's word

Adult Sunday Schools/Bible study classes are a special feature of the Cantonese congregation. Both groups had run two to three courses last year to provide teaching for brothers and sisters in different stages of their spiritual lives. Last year, the courses covered a broad range from an Introduction to Christianity course to an in-depth biblical study of both Old and New Testaments, covering Genesis (Chapters 12 to 50), Exodus, Job, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Jonah, Nahum, The Gospel of John, and 2 Corinthians. The course about doctrine and history of Chinese churches also attracted a number of brothers and sisters to participate. We hope that the courses will help our brothers and sisters to have a deeper understanding of our faith. We especially thank the brothers and sisters who led these groups. Their work behind the scenes will be rewarded by God.

In 2022, the Adult Sunday School/Bible study classes will continue to run online. We pray that God will raise up more teachers, to provide more diversified opportunities for the brothers and sisters to learn from the Bible.

Church is a community made up of members who love each other. In the face of the pandemic, the brothers and sisters continue their eagerness to pray for each other, and the prayer meetings continue to meet online. The existing prayer network allows the participants to edify and support each other through prayers. The church care team managed to visit the needy when the pandemic situation was eased. Nevertheless, the visits had to be put on hold when the pandemic situation became more severe, but the team members continued to show their care by messaging and calling the other brothers and sisters.

Looking ahead to the coming the Cantonese congregation will have to prepare for the return of onservice, continue strenathen the fellowship within the congregation, as well as, the new wave of immigrants. May our brothers and sisters be unified in mind and be eager to serve, building their lives with God's word as their foundation, and facing the future challenges with a prayerful heart.



Chair Deacon Report

The year 2021 was full of challenges yet filled with God's grace.

God is the one who protects and watches over us. In the second year of COVID-19, physical church was not available for almost six months. God allowed online technologies to come to our assistance so that every member's house became a house of worship for the ever-living God. We all witnessed His wonderful plan for us.

We are also grateful to God that Pastor Eric Shing and Carol led the deacon board to serve the Cantonese congregation in this adverse scenario. With God, every one of us are still together as seen in the steady attendance of Sunday Service. Offering figures has not declined at all. We really witnessed God's abundant grace on the Cantonese congregation.

COVID-19 not only caused the postponement of our house party to the following year, it also changed the medium of conducting Sunday services; that is, from physical service in the past to occasionally physical and online service. Moreover, there will be the introduction of a church phone app. Some members will need time to adapt to the new application. The Worship department will provide continued technical support so that the Cantonese congregation will find it easy to use. We pray that we can all come back to church for physical worship very soon.

Preaching the Gospel is everyone's mission. The Evangelism department has organised a group of evangelistic members to look after newcomers and the non-believers. A refresher course was held for evangelistic practice for the purpose of helping confirm faith for some brothers and sisters. Due to the pandemic, the plan changed. Yet, the department continues to hold prayer meetings every month online. Subject to the COVID restrictions, the department plans out-reach to local non-believers and newcomers this year so that the Gospel can be heard.

Regarding caring ministry, regular visitation sessions for brothers and sisters and newcomers were carried out by the Caring department in the past year. The lockdown had not deterred the caring ministry members to serve, instead they called members by phone and sent out text messages and greeting cards. The department has planned two welcoming parties, as well as, five afternoon tea sessions for newcomers and non-believers in 2022.

In order to raise the importance of mission ministry, the Mission department has organised the delivery of video clips about missionaries and sharing from the missionaries in the Sunday service. The content will be enhanced in the coming year.

Discipleship has always been a goal of the church. The men's discipleship training was led by Pastor Shing in 2021. Carol and Anita will lead two separate women's discipleship training groups in 2022.

One class of the Adult Sunday School adopted the materials from the Bible Exposition Institute. The Book of Ezra, the Book of Nehemiah, the Book of Esther, the Book of Job, the Book of Jonah and the Book of Nahum were studied. The other two classes have studied the Book of Genesis, the Book of Exodus, the Book of 2 Corinthians and the Chinese Church history. As for the gospel seekers and new converters, the study of the Book of John and the basic principles from the Bible were covered. We hope that more brothers and sisters will join the Sunday school classes in the year 2022 to strengthen the foundation of our faith.

There has been a calling of brothers and sisters who have the vision to help in the Children's Sunday School and youth ministry due to the long-term shortage of helpers. In the past year, there were six classes of Children's Sunday School. Four classes out of the six were catered for the ages of 2 to 12. One class was designed for school years 7 to year 10, while the other class was for school years 11 and 12. There were 31 kids between the ages of 2 and 12, and 20 high school students. It is indeed God's blessing to see the increase in number of our younger generation!

From 2022, due to the restructuring of the Children's Sunday School, there will only be four classes; which include two classes for 2 to 12 years of age and the other two classes for junior high school students and senior high school students, respectively.

The deacon board of the Cantonese congregation intends to enhance communication, pastoral care and teaching through house groups and fellowship groups. Last year, we had Group Canaan, Group Eden and eight other house groups suitable for our brother and sisters at different ages and in various walks of life. We would like to invite those who do not belong to any house group to join our house groups, so that the church can serve you better. Last year, our house groups studied, "The Radical Disciples" by John Stott, which was about putting faith into practice. In 2022, we will be studying "Christian Character" from the Lifeguide Bible study series. In addition, some re-groupings will be done based on geographic locations and in preparation for the new migrant wave from Hong Kong.

We foresee various challenges in 2022. We pray for God's mercy for our congregation in the pandemic, the non-renewal of contract by Pastor Shing, the restructuring of Sunday service and its consequences upon the sustainability of the Cantonese congregation. We earnestly seek that brothers and sisters will also join us in prayers.

With God's help, all these challenges will make us more Christ-like and that God will be glorified.

Let us encourage one another with Psalm 29:10:
"The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as King forever".
Amen.

MANDARIN MINISTRY

2021-2022 Board of Deacons

Marco Pu (Chairman), Stephen Han, Joanne Luo, Richard Zhu (Jan–Jun 2021), Tim Dong, Ray Dong (Jan-April 2021), Ben Liu, Jed Bian

Deacons and Co-workers

Ministers

Rev. Chris Chua and Rev. Jeff Wang

Pastor

Pastor Caroline Dong

Board of Deacons Chairman

Marco Pu

Translator

Stephen Han

Church Website

Melvin Ng, Joanne Luo, Richard Zhu

Evangelism

Ray Dong

Baptism Class

Marco Pu, Frank Liu

Treasurer

Ben Liu

Evangelism Explosion

Rev. Jeff Wang, Frank Liu, Ray Dong

Newcomers Welcoming

Rev. Jeff Wang

Sunday Service Roster

Julie Wu, Joanne Luo, Wendy Yang

Sunday Service Audio Visual

Jed Bian, Donald Zheng, Tim Dong

Sunday Service Bulletin

Joanne Luo, Melvin Ng and others

Sunday Service PPT

Jed Bian, Melvin Ng, Donald Zheng

Sunday Service Co-Ordinator

Joanne Luo

Holy Communion Preparation

Joanne Luo

Choir

Grace Zhou

Sunday School

Jenny Sher

Music Ministry

Annie Ho

Family Ministry

Henry To

Internet Ministry

Jed Bian and Donald Zheng

Mission

Tim Liu and Enyi Lin

Secretary

Wendy Yang

Prayer Ministry

Rev. Chris Chua, Rev. Jeff Wang,

Pastor Caroline Dong

Regular Bible Study & Caring Groups/Fellowship

Regular Bible Study & Caring Group (BS&CG)	Each month	Regular fellowship and other activities	Each month
Chatswood BS&CG	1st and 3rd Wed	Mandarin Workers Fellowship	2nd and 4th Sat
Grace BS&CG	1st and 3rd Sat	Living Spring BS	2nd and 4th Fri
Joy (OT) BS&CG	2nd and 4th Sat	Living Spring Family Fellowship	3rd Sat
Wheat (NT) BS&CG	1st and 3rd Sat	Jireh Fellowship	1st and 3rd Fri
Faith/Hope/Love Fellowship	1st and 3rd Sat	Cedar Uni Students Fellowship	Every Fri
The Rock BS&CG	Sunday 1:30 pm	Prayer Meeting	Once a month
Elderly BS&CG	In recess because of COVID-19	Baptism Class	Sunday 1:30 pm

SUNDAY SERVICE - 11:15AM (Main Church) Total Offertory (2021) - \$240 193 Average Sunday Service attendance - 123

1. Change of Sunday service time

We have always had three English Services – 9:15 am, 11:15 am and 4 pm.

In the past few years, the attendance of university students to 4 pm had declined. The young workers had left the church for different reasons. The 9:15 am English Service is aging for lack of new members. The 11:15 am English Service has not been growing. For the sake of consolidation and more efficient use of resources, the leadership of the three English Services have decided to merge the three services into one.

To find a suitable time for the combined English services and cater for the need of the Cantonese and Mandarin Service, the new service time for the English and Mandarin services will be changed to 10:45 am. The Mandarin service will continue to worship in the main church and the new English service will be in the main hall. The Cantonese service will be at 9 am in the main church. The change will start 6 February 2022.



With the change of service time, the Mandarin Service must overcome a few problems: parking and limited and insufficient space for the different ministries, such as choir practice, church lunch, and others. The Mandarin service must start preparation at about 10:15 am. It will be a challenge for the Cantonese Service to finish on time.

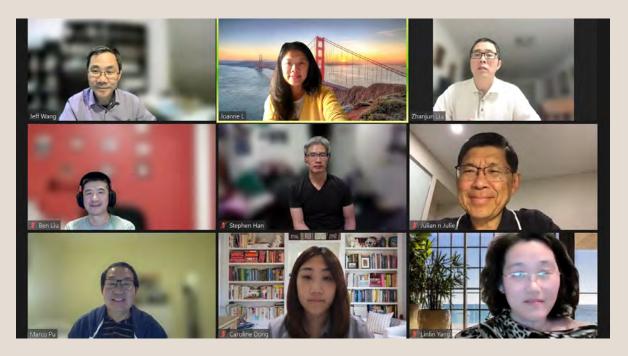
The English, Cantonese, and Mandarin services in CCC have been helping one another for the past many years for the sake of the gospel ministry. We are one body in Christ. Jesus Christ has made us different parts of the same body.

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"If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it" (1 Cor 12:26). Let us continue to pray for God's blessing for every service, the Sunday School and Youth ministry. Pray that we will "make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" (Eph 4:3).

2. Online and in-person worship



From September 2020, we resumed inperson services at church. In March 2021, due to renovation in the main church, we started to run our services in the hall. Following the government's restrictions, the allowed hall capacity gradually increased to 80. In April, about 85 people attended in-person service and another 60 attended online services regularly. The average weekly attendance reached about 150, which was the month with the most attendance since the pandemic started.

The pandemic situation deteriorated again on 26 June 2021, we returned to online services, with an attendance of around 100. When we returned to inperson service on 5 December 2021, the average weekly attendance was about 130-140. During the pandemic, our spiritual life faced challenges. Our spiritual journey endured changes, just like the Sunday services – sometimes in-person, sometimes online.



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

Hebrews 10:24-25

We would like to thank brother Jed Bian and other helpers, who supported the online services and enabled our brothers and sisters to smoothly attend the online services at home.

3. Baptism

On 27 March 2021, Mr Xin Guo Huang, Mr Li Sheng Wang, Mr Zhe Li were baptised at Balmoral Beach, Mosman, conducted by Rev. Jeff Wang. On 4 April 2021 (Resurrection Sunday), Ms Aileen Tang and Mr Zhou Ou were baptised by effusion conducted by Rev. Chris Chua. After the service on 4 April 2021, we had a sharing time for all the five newly baptised, which about 50 attended. The testimonies were from the heart and very encouraging.

On 5 December 2021, Ms Ze Hui Fu and Ms Shao Lin Zhao were baptised by immersion. Reverend Jeff Wang conducted the baptism. On the same day, Ms Xiao Rong Lu was baptised by effusion. Reverend Chris Chua conducted the baptism. There were 75 in attendance for the baptism service and 29 remained for the sharing.





4. Christmas music service - December 19th

Due to the pandemic, the choir has been in recess for a long period of time (2020-2021). The government eventually decided to relax the restriction for those who had two rounds of vaccination. The Mandarin Service decided to have the Christmas Musical Service on 19 December 2021. In the past God had used the singing of the choir to move the hearts of the people. Many were edified. It also attracted a lot of newcomers. So, the choir re-started practicing. Thank the Lord the attendance at the main church was 59 in addition to 66 who attended online making a total of 125. Not long after, the Omicron variant began to spread very quickly, and we had to go back to online services only from 2 January 2022.

5. Combined Mandarin/Cantonese services

- On 2 April 2021 Mandarin/Cantonese Combined Good Friday Service. We coordinated with the Cantonese Service very well.
- On 25 Dec 2021 Mandarin/Cantonese Combined Christmas Day Service. The attendance was restricted because of the pandemic.

Besides the Sunday Services, the regular Mandarin activities were held on Zoom.

6. Training courses

"The life of Jesus" – a total of six books. Each book has 10 units. Popular amongst the congregants. The class ran four times, with about 10-15 in each class.

"Paul's letters" – a total of three books. An in-depth exposition of Paul's three evangelistic journeys, including the background and routes. Six people attended.

"Unfinished story" – introduces the participants to evangelism in a systematic approach, with views from the perspectives of the biblical, historical and strategic. The course met four times, with 23 participants.

"Foundation and spreading one's wings" – compiled by Rev. Tsang, with disciples training as its aim.

We started running this course since 2020. Those who attended benefitted a lot. We continued running the course in 2021. The ladies' group had seven attendees. There were two men's groups, with a total of 10 attendees.

"Life and sustainability" – a very good disciples training materials. It is ranked similarly to "Foundation and spreading one's wings". A total of six attended.

Nurturing the new believers. We used the "Apostles Creed" to solidify the new believers' knowledge in the Christian faith. Recited "Apostles Creed" with the congregation on Sunday services.



7. Bible Study & Caring Group



In 2021, all Bible Study and Caring Groups met regularly online using Zoom. The small number enabled us more time to share with one another. To keep up with in-person contact, some groups had outdoor activities.

8. Prayer meeting

Apostle Paul says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Pray constantly" (1 Thess 5:17).

Mandarin Service had monthly prayer meetings at 8 pm on the third Wednesday of every month. We used Zoom. About 20-25 usually attended. It was not many. We had tried different ways to encourage people to come to the prayer meeting. They were not effective. This is a spiritual ministry. We cannot depend on the human methods, only by prayers.

Summary

Diaconate Chair: Marco Pu

Looking back on 2021, the COVID-19 epidemic that has swept the world continues to rebound. At the same time, God's grace and love have given us challenges and opportunities.

Thank God for everything that God has prepared for us. He supports us with grace and guides us along the way. He protects us everywhere. The fullness of God's grace is even more refreshing. Facing this unusual year, under the leadership of the Lord Jesus, Mandarin service has become a year of renewed strength and a year of life renewal.

Thanks to the grace of the Lord, this year, due to the government's strict epidemic prevention measures, the Sunday worship was forced to be held online for several months twice, but the service never stopped, and the attendance remained around 100-120 each week, including friends from overseas.

Thanks to Rev. Chris Chua for his health, and with the assistance of Rev. Jeff Wang and Pastor Caroline Dong, he continued to lead the various holy works of Mandarin service under the special circumstances of epidemic restrictions. The "gatherings in the clouds" such as the bible study of fellowships, the training of various disciples, and the monthly prayer meeting on Wednesday nights are more active and effective.





The theme of church shepherding in 2021 was "discipleship". I am very grateful that the number of people who were baptised this year had reached eight, and a series of spiritual equipping courses had been held, such as the Baptism Catechism Class, the Three Blessings Course, the Life of Christ Course, the Co-worker Training Course, and the Foundation and Wing-Spreading Devotional Course. Many brothers. actively signed to participate uр enthusiastically, and the number of people exceeded expectations. Mandarin service also provided these systematic training courses to equip believers and coworkers, helped believers to know how to be more effective disciples and make disciples, to care for those in need around them to spread the gospel, and to root themselves more deeply in the faith, build a closer relationship with God.

Thank God for preparing a dedicated team of deacons and co-workers. The diaconate consisted of eight deacons. Two of them resigned from their positions as deacons during the year due to work and family reasons. I thank the Lord for calling and moving past deacons and key members to join the current team of deacons in a timely manner.

Thank the Holy Spirit for leading the exchanges at the regular monthly deacons meeting to be often warm and deep. Sometimes everyone will inevitably have different views and opinions, but the co-workers communicated with each other with love and patience, and used God's words to exhort each other, so that the team of co-workers had been built. This further strengthened our belief that God is always among us, so that our members respect each other and coordinate as one body.











"We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Thessalonians 1:3



A GOOD BUT CHALLENGING YEAR

Redeemer City Church started the year expectantly. COVID seemed to be under control after 10 months of lockdowns and restrictions, the vacant pastor position was finally filled and so it felt like this fledgling branch church could finally start stretching its ministry wings. But things didn't pan out as we envisioned.

The arrival of the Delta and Omicron COVID variants prompted the government to tighten restrictions and even go into further lockdown.

This meant that regular ministries like Sunday service and Growth Groups were heavily disrupted, and planned community outreach events had to be scratched.

Notable COVID adjustments included:

- 2020 Christmas service moving online because of the Northern Beaches cluster.
- May 2021 Redeemer Retreat almost called off, but it still went ahead with mask wearing and no indoor singing.
- Our June "Plantastic" indoor plant workshop outreach called off.
- Zoom watch parties, service hubs and online/hybrid in-person Growth Groups
- The many times we had to adjust our ministries to follow various government restrictions: capacity limits, distancing requirements,
 mask wearing, singing and vaccination certificates.







Despite the challenges during the July-October lockdown, we were able to band together as a church family. In September, we recognised the need for care and support so we organised personalised care packages for everyone and also put on a trivia night for fellowship, which also happened to be a great event to invite our non-Christian friends to.

Average weekly attendance (for Sunday service) grew from 50 to 60 people in the past year. This is a testament to God's faithful care over us. Some of our growth in number was from the arrival of some new bubs.



May - Redeemer Retreat

We said goodbye to our dear friend Evan, who is moving on from Redeemer. We are sending him off to be a ministry apprentice with Campus Bible Study at UNSW. Our prayers and support are with him on his new journey.



Evan receiving a thank you gift from his Growth Group

The diaconate has been a solid rock in the past year. They have welcomed and helped the new pastor settle in, and they have continued to serve the church with great humility and love. We are very thankful to have these godly men and women lead our church into another year.





December - Thanksgiving lunch

While we had some opportunities to "make Jesus known in Chatswood and beyond", they were limited because of COVID restrictions and people in the community feeling uneasy to be out and about, meeting new people. Our prayer going into 2022, is to have more opportunities to engage with those that haven not received the gospel.



December - Tiny Tunes music playgroup outreach

December - Carols at Willoughby Park event



Redeemer City Church By **Rev. Joe Cho**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children Ministry Committee (CMC)

But whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither — whatever they do prospers.."

Psalm 1:2-3

We were facing another unstable and unsettled year, as if we were riding a roller coaster. We were living from lockdown to lockdown. Australia cannot be free from COVID and finally, we need to live with COVID. Yet, the CMC team continued to work diligently with passion, hoping that our children can grow in the word of God through Zoom and videos. On top of the normal Sunday School classes, we also had the holiday The restrictions programs. gathering could not stop us from sharing the good news with our kids.

We thank God that in 2021, we had more than 90 Sunday School students and more than 50 volunteer teachers and helpers taking part in CMC. In 2022, the numbers of students, teachers and helpers will continue to grow.

Please pray not only for the students, but also for our teachers and helpers.

In 2022, we will face at least two challenges:

- As the restructuring to create the combined 10:45 am English service has been confirmed, the Sunday School at 9:00 am will need teachers sourced from the 10:45 am English and Mandarin congregations. I would like to encourage English and Mandarin members to consider serving at 9:00 am Sunday School.
- As more people will join the 10:45 am English service, space constraints will become a challenging issue we need to tackle. Please pray for the leadership team, that they will have the wisdom to solve it sensitively.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to all the Sunday School teachers and helpers for their commitment and willingness to serve. May God continue to bless them and give them strength and wisdom.





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9:15 am Infants Sunday School

Jenny Chan

The pandemic continued in 2021. We were back into lockdown at the end of June 2021 and the government made changes to the restriction rules throughout the year. However, nothing could stop God's work and His plan to bring His word to the children.

God is sovereign. We were very blessed to have 17 beautiful young children and 12 devoted and passionate team members in the 9:15 am Infants class 2021. God brought the children back to the Sunday School classrooms in the first two terms. The classrooms were full of joy and lovely children learning the Bible. They sang praises to the Lord. They played games and did activities with their friends. Even some very young children raised their hands to ask questions about Jesus. It was so beautiful to see their curious eyes sparkled and the children's love for learning the Bible grew. Thank God for connecting us with the parents and letting us partner them in this ministry, especially when at times we could only meet online.

"Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the

LORD's purpose that prevails"

Proverbs 19:21

We are also thankful for the Lord's equipping and enabling of all the team members to make Bible lesson videos in the second half of the year. It was so humbling that many in the team were willing to step out of their comfort zone. God is our perfect helper. He not only equipped us with skills, but graciously gave us the confidence and time to serve Him. Praise God for all the team members serving faithfully in this ministry. We also praise God for the positive feedback and encouragement from the parents during online teaching.

"Surely God is my help: the Lord is the one who sustains me"

Psalm 54:4

At the same time, we were truly blessed to have weekly children's talks whilst we were teaching online. God is our provider and sustainer. We "can do all things through him who gives us strength" (Philippians 4:13).

We are stepping into a new page of Sunday School ministry in 2022. With the Sunday services restructure and two new Children's Sunday Schools, we trust in the Lord that He will carry us through another amazing journey full of His love and grace. Our prayer is that more children would join Sunday School to know and love Jesus more each day. May the Lord multiply this ministry.

Glory to God to give us the privilege to serve Him and the beautiful children in Sunday School.

9:15 am Primary Sunday School

Carmen Seeto

Tsee Tan stepped down as Primary Sunday School Coordinator in 2020. We are thankful for her faithful service during her years as Teacher/Coordinator and for her assistance in transitioning me into this role.



Even though 2021 had its pandemic challenges, we were blessed with a dedicated team of 10 teachers and eight assistant teachers who brought God's Word to the children with enthusiasm, creativity and love in both physical and online classes.

We welcomed Vicki Mah as a teacher, and Cannis Fong and Wendy Ho joined as assistant teachers. Sadly, Lois Tham stepped down after many years of assisting in the Primary Sunday School classrooms. We are thankful for her love for the children over the years.

Pastors Eric Shing and Dan Shih provided parental partnership, support and encouragement through their sharing in our quarterly newsletters.

We regularly had an average attendance of 27 children across the three Primary classes. The children engaged in lessons from the CEP Adventure Series, learning about how to respond to God about His love, forgiveness and faithfulness, and how to live as part of God's family.

We sadly farewelled seven Year 6 children. We pray they continue to grow in their knowledge and love for Jesus as they enter into Foundation Youth.



11:15 am Infants Sunday School

Jenny Sher

We started 2021 with face to face Sunday School lessons in church. After many months of online Sunday School, it was great to see many children returned. Toddler and preschool classes learnt about God's promises and the Kindy to Year 2 class learnt the CEP Adventure Series about how God is faithful, how to respond to God and how to live in God's family.

We saw children present a lovely song at church on Mother's Day. We then returned to online class during COVID lockdown. During online Sunday School, toddlers joined Zoom assembly and were given a video lesson each week (special thanks to 9:15 am Sunday School who shared their video lessons with us). Kindy to Year 2 class had weekly online Zoom lessons. Although we had fewer children in Zoom lessons, it was still a good attendance rate.

I sincerely thank God for the whole 11:15 am Sunday School team. They have given me lots of support and have sacrificed their valuable time during this difficult year to continue teaching and supporting our children. Please continue to pray for all the leaders, teachers and assistants so that they can continue to set an example for our children in their faith and life. Please also pray for our children and families that their faith in Christ will grow stronger each day and more children will come to know and love Jesus.

I praise God for His abundant blessings and I am looking forward to face-to-face Sunday School in 2022.

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

Proverbs 22:6

11:15 am Primary Sunday School

Vincent Fung

Though 2021 saw the return to virtual classrooms for our Sunday School, we continue to praise God for His providence and many blessings throughout the year in our children's ministry. We were blessed with five new Year 3 students joining our 11:15 am primary school section, and we averaged at around 12 students every Sunday. This year, our teaching team consisted of Annie Ho, Julie Wu and myself. We enjoyed two terms of face-to-face learning through exploring the gospel of Luke and then learning about the prophets in the Old Testament (Daniel, Ezra and Nehemiah). We aimed to sustain the engagement and interest of the students through online learning in Term 3 and 4 by adapting the curriculum for virtual learning. In Term 4, we included a team participation scoreboard that encouraged students to work with each other and engage more proactively in class.

Of course, online teaching has continued to bring about many challenges, but we look back with thankfulness as our team was still able to work well together and hone our skills in teaching in different circumstances with practiced ease. Students were often excited to be at Sunday School and were even keen to bring their own friends to Invite-A-Friend-Sunday in December. Although it was bittersweet to see seven Year 6 students graduate at the end of the year, we were blessed in witnessing and praised God for working in the lives of our students in wonderful ways.



FOUNDATION YOUTH

As I reflect on FY this past year, I feel grateful! I am grateful first and foremost to our great God. God's blessings have been so apparent as he kept the youth community together through the pandemic, the lockdowns, with the restrictions and all the related uncertainties. He has sustained the FY leaders and the whole youth community throughout the year.

Out of all the ministries any church provides, probably youth ministry is the one that struggles most with having to be run online. Not just with the activities that we run at youth group, but because youth simply are able to connect with each other much better and engage more openly with the leaders in their small groups when they are in person. The leaders and I felt that many of the youth became increasingly discouraged and disconnected the longer FY remained online. Yet there wasn't much we could control.

I am really grateful for the FY leaders and the extra effort they made to make our FY as engaging as possible and for staying connected with the youth throughout the lockdown periods. Thank you FY leaders for your love. I remember the first Friday FY met back in person, there was a beautiful spirit of joy in the youth community. We cannot underestimate how vital community life is for our youth.

Our goal for FY is the same as what God wants for our whole church, which is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. One of the main adjustments we made this year was to align the FY program with the English Ministry 4Es framework for making disciples: Engage, Evangelise, Establish and Empower.

Here are some of the highlights around the 4Es of the FY program:

ENGAGE

Each term we had an Engage social, where the youth were encouraged to invite their friends to come and enjoy a night of fun and making new friends at FY. All our engage nights were super fun times and it was great to see many new youth come along to these and many continued to come to FY as a result!









EVANGELISE

Each term we also had an Evangelistic night, where there would be a speaker who would give a gospel talk and invite the youth and their friends to think and respond to Jesus. Our speakers on these nights last year were myself, Pastor Dan Shih, Justin Lee and a good friend of mine, Rev. Matt Kang. These were all great nights where often new friends came and the youth were able to have deeper chats in small groups to think and respond to the messages given.

ESTABLISH

The core part of our program is to Establish the youth in their faith. We want to help them own their faith in Jesus. To help them find their own faith, the leaders took the youth through Bible studies most Fridays to help them grow in knowledge of the Bible and respond to Jesus personally in faith and life. We kicked off the year looking at a Bible Study series called "Just for Starters", which took the youth through the basics of how to begin a relationship with God and start living for Him. Each week there was a memory verse and Carolyn Yee and Esther Ting were super creative in putting them to some contemporary tunes. Test them out, maybe they still remember them! We also looked at Genesis 1 to 11 in Term 2, Hebrews in Term 3 and 1 Peter in Term 4.

EMPOWER

Each term we sought to empower the youth to not only apply God's word for themselves but also teach them and challenge them to live it out in the world amongst their friends.

One of the ways we try to do this is through our seminars that ran each term. This year, we looked at many different topics including BGRs, Friendship, Study and Suffering. The youth had a choice of which seminars they could attend each month. In Term 4, we had a whole youth seminar on Gender. The goal was to help the youth think biblically about gender and how to talk about this issue with their friends in a loving way. The seminar was run by Living Faith and presented by one of their workers, Sam Wan. It was a challenging but important topic for the youth community to think about.

FOUNDATION YOUTH RETREAT

I think most of the youth who attended would agree that one of the biggest highlights of the year was the FY retreat. After having to cancel the camp in the previous year and again earlier in June, we were finally able to pull it off at the end of last year! We really thank God for this opportunity to bring the whole youth community together! Compared to the last camp in 2019, we had double the number of youth with a total of 66 attendees. Some of whom were completely new to FY! God really has been at work!



Throughout the retreat, we studied the Book of Jonah where the youth were challenged to reflect on God's great mercy and compassion for Jonah and for the people of Nineveh and ultimately, for us. One of our new leaders Zenith spoke from Jonah 3 and urged the youth to respond to God's mercy and commit themselves to God. The youth were asked to raise their hands to be prayed with and many of the youth indeed responded. As tradition would have it, we continued to respond and worship around a campfire. We roasted some marshmallows, the year 10 boys led us in worship, and we thanked the departing FY leaders. We also ran various seminars, played lots of games and had some massive water fights. What a special weekend!

The retreat was filled with a lot of fun, awesome conversations and many memories were made. I really want to thank all the leaders for the massive effort they put in and a special mention to Jessie and Hans who spent many hours organising everything. You guys are legends!

THANK YOU TO THE OUTGOING LEADERS!

FY has been blessed to have some really dedicated and hardworking leaders who have really loved the youth they served. FY will miss some awesome leaders who finished their ministry at FY and are looking to serve God in other ways. Thank you Justin Zhong, Jimmy Yang, Joyce Chen, Chris Armas and Jett Hanlee. Kirsten Wan also won't be leading FY this year due to practical commitments in Camden as part of her studies. May God use all that they learned in their ministry at FY and use them all to bless others in new ways.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY COMMITTEE

OUR VISION

To evangelise to women of all ages, edify and encourage them in the faith, equip them for service and establish the unity of the church.

WHAT HAPPENED IN 2021

1. Regular Bible Study Groups

The women of CCC met through the year in various groups to study God's word together, despite interruptions because of COVID.

Women's Bible Study Group

Thank God for His sustaining grace during 2021. The fellowship continued to meet fortnightly over zoom with a regular attendance of between 13 to 18 people, including one new person and another joining in from overseas. This was a great blessing. We studied two books, The Letters of John with the theme of "Walking in the Truth", and the Old Testament book of Joshua, focusing on the power of God's promises. At the end of the year, we were thankful to be able to enjoy physical fellowship with a lunch to celebrate Christmas.

In spite of the challenges of age and the restrictions caused by the pandemic, we were thankful for the technology which enabled the group to continue meeting and fellowshipping as



one, to study and grow in God's word together and to encourage and nurture one another through sharing and prayer. In these difficult times, we remain focused on God. Trusting in His sovereignty and holding onto His promises and will continue to seek His direction and will for the year ahead. May all glory be to God, all praise to Jesus our Lord and Saviour!

2. Mothers' Groups

Two groups continued to meet to read the Bible together so that we could encourage each other in our walks with God and in the raising of our children to know Jesus.



Young Mothers' Group

Our Young Mothers' group has been meeting fortnightly on Wednesday mornings, with an average of three to four mums attending. Like many groups, we were unable to meet during the lockdown period, but continued to encourage one another over WhatsApp.

This year our Young Mothers' group has been doing a series of studies on our present suffering and how we should be thinking about this in light of God's sovereignty. We have been encouraged to take comfort in knowing that, despite the uncertainty caused by the pandemic, God is always with us and He is our strength and refuge.

Burwood Mothers' Group

This group had a regular attendance of three to five mums meeting weekly to study the Bible together. We used the "Making Disciples" studies to help the mums better understand what a disciple of Christ looks like.

It was unfortunate to be locked down again in the middle of the year, as a few in the group went through some difficult times, but we were able to continue to support each other in prayer and through our WhatsApp group.

Please pray that each of these mums will keep learning more about Jesus and come to accept Jesus into their lives.



3. Women's conferences

Each year, women from all congregations gather together to attend Women's conferences to learn from God's word with women across all ages.

Equip Women's Conference

We were blessed to be able to meet in person at church for the Equip Women's Conference in June. The theme for the conference was "The Outsider" learning from the book of Ruth about God's judgement and provision, God's faithful love and God as our redeemer.

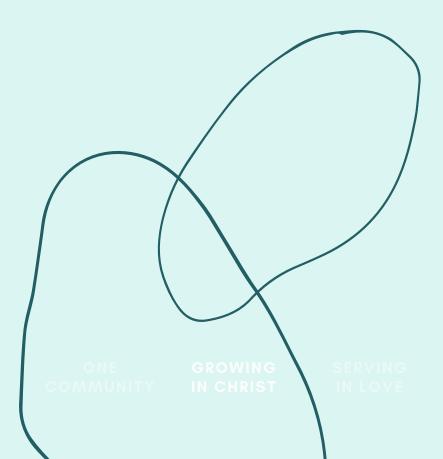


OneLove Women's Conference

Unfortunately, lockdown in August meant that we had to gather via Zoom for the OneLove Women's Conference. The theme was "Made for More", helping us to understand the holiness of God better, and in doing so, understand how we as His handiwork have been called to live.



GROWING IN CHRIST



REACHING

FINANCIAL

"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."

2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-15

BE A BLESSING TO ALL NATIONS

Rev. Jeff Wang

WE THANK GOD FOR HIS GRACE. I WONDER IF YOU HAVE EVER THOUGHT ABOUT
WHY GOD BLESSES US. FOR OUR BENEFIT? OR SOMETHING ELSE?
LET US LOOK AT THE BLESSINGS GIVEN BY GOD, FROM THE EXAMPLE OF ABRAHAM.



1. God's Blessing

God blessed Abraham and his descendants. Genesis 12:1-3 says, "The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."".

In these three verses, "bless" appears as many as five times. God's blessings are mainly in two aspects: "I will bless you", and "you will be a blessing". "I will bless you" is sometimes referred to or identified as "top-line blessing"; while "you will be a blessing" is sometimes referred to or identified as "bottom-line blessing" or "bottom-line duty". A blessing brings responsibility. God blessed Abraham, that is, "make you into a great nation", blessing him with the land, the descendants, and the great name, but it is linked to the bottom-line blessing where Abraham will be a blessing to all the peoples of the earth, that is, "all peoples on earth will be blessed through you".

A similar situation occurs again in Psalm 67:1-2. The top-line blessing here is verse 1 "May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us"; while the bottom-line blessings are in verse 2 "so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations".

2. God blesses us in Jesus Christ

God blesses us today in Jesus Christ. Ephesians 1:3b says, "who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ". All those who have been favoured, although they still live on earth, can have a foretaste of blessings that are originally in heaven, by the grace of Jesus Christ.

Galatians 3:6-9 and 14 say "So also Abraham "believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham; "All nations will be blessed through you". So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith ... "He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit".

Abraham is the blood ancestor of the Jewish nation. All believers, including both Jews and Gentiles, are his spiritual descendants. The Gentiles can be justified by faith based on God's promise, which God said to Abraham; "all peoples on earth will be blessed through you". All peoples on earth refers to the Gentiles.

3. Bless all nations: respond to God's blessings

The Great Commission is God's mission to the church. "Make disciples of all nations" in Matthew 28:19b, is a bottom-line blessing or bottom-line duty. God's intention is to bless all peoples. Throughout the ages, many people answered the Lord's call, living for the Lord, to proclaim the Gospel, just like a river, flowing and flowing to the Gentiles.

Today we are also practitioners of the Great Commission. We are blessed to be a blessing to others. Top-line blessing comes with bottom-line blessing, just like twins. The book of James 1:22 says, "Do not merely listen to the word, ... Do what it says".

Matthew 24:14 says, "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come". By God's grace, that's just around the corner, even though there are still many unreached people in the world to be reached.

"We are blessed to be a blessing to others."



WORSHIP IN PERSON AND WORSHIP ONLINE

Rev. Chris Chua

WHY ONLINE WORSHIP?

From February 2020 until this year 2022, the COVID pandemic has been with us for more than two years. Those who had been seriously infected had to be admitted to the hospital for treatment and many died. The mildly infected could isolate at home for one to two weeks. The pandemic has affected our daily living; work, businesses, studies, and social activities. To prevent infection by the COVID virus and stop its spreading, the church had to limit worship in person. Instead, worship was conducted mostly online.





THE ADVANTAGES OF ONLINE WORSHIP

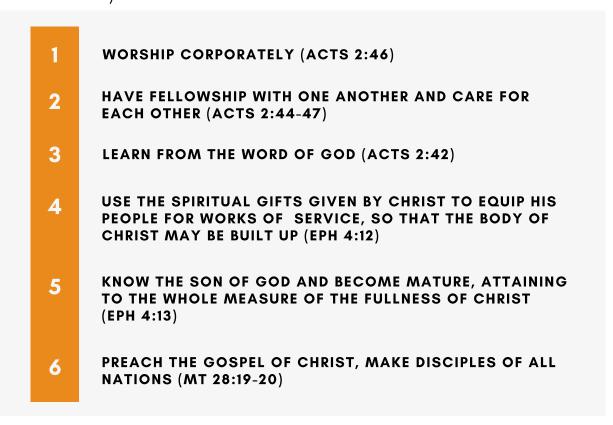
Worshiping online from home on Sundays has its many advantages. Those weak and unable to travel could take part. Many did not have to drive to church and waste time looking for parking. One could dress more casually during the time of worship. Some were able to visit other churches more suitable to them in style of worship or in preaching, so that they could be spiritually fed.

THE PROBLEM WITH ONLINE WORSHIP

However, one could also be too casual during the worship and lose any sense of awe to the God we worship. Looking for different churches to worship could become like shopping. There could be a lack of sense of belonging and devotion to one's own church. Some pastors are considering establishing a virtual church as a physical church meeting place is not necessary any more. We can have an extended field for the gospel and have more people serving in ministries.

WHAT IS A CHURCH?

A church is an organised group of God's people. In Christ Jesus and by the Holy Spirit they have become one body, the body of Christ. Christians are joined to one another in Christ as members of the one body. The church is a physical group of Christians that meet regularly. It is not meant to be a virtual group. In the Bible they meet to:



When one believes in the Lord Jesus Christ and is baptized into the body of Christ, the church, one does not just worship God on Sundays. One has other responsibilities to fulfil with the other church members in Christ.

CORPORATE WORSHIP ON SUNDAY IN THE CHURCH

Christians are to offer themselves as living sacrifice. The whole of life is a life of worship, serving the Lord (Rom.12:1). However, God also wants us to worship Him corporately. The Psalmist says, "Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God (Psalm 95:6-7). The Apostle Paul says in his vision, the 24 elders representing all Christians fall down to worship God, because He is worthy of all our worship (Rev. 4:10-11). We have set aside Sundays to go to church, the temple of God to worship Him (Eph. 2:22). In the name of Jesus Christ, by the Holy Spirit, together we sing, we pray, we thank, praise, and glorify God. We read the Scripture, listen to the word of God, understand its teaching, obey His will, and love one another.

WORSHIP IN PERSON? WORSHIP ONLINE?

To avoid infection from the pandemic, the Mandarin Service stopped worship in person at the church and went online from 26 June 2021 until 28 November 2021. During this time, we had on average 100 people worshipping online on Sundays. In this special time, the internet became an important tool for our Sunday worship and other gatherings. However, it cannot fully replace our worship in person. Through the internet we cannot feel the warmth of love from each other. We cannot smell the aroma specially put on for us. During the pandemic, even



though we can use Zoom, WeChat and WhatsApp to communicate with our loved ones, they can never be the same as meeting face to face. During the short time of worship in the church, we met each other. Even when we had masks on and were unable to recognise each other straight away, we felt so excited to meet up.

HOW DO WE ENCOURAGE CHURCH MEMBERS TO GO BACK TO CHURCH TO WORSHIP IN PERSON?

Firstly, we encourage believers not to stop meeting on Sundays. As the Bible says, "not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching" (Heb. 10:24-25). We encourage them to see Sunday worship as a priority in life.

Secondly, do not stay at home for online service and turn it into a habit. In doing so, you will slowly lose touch with the other brothers and sisters, and you will become less inclined to go to church. As time goes on, you may lose your faith and leave God. Grab hold of any opportunity to go to church to worship God in person.

Thirdly, encourage each other to join small groups, use Zoom to study and learn from the word of God together, to grow in the faith. Use WeChat and WhatsApp to keep in contact with one another. Organise outdoor social activities. Care for one another so that we remain eager to go back to church to worship in person.

Fourthly, the pastors and the co-workers have to spend time on the content of worship and how to present it from the heart so that people worship and glorify God in joy and their lives can be edified.

Ephesians 2:19-22 says, "Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit."

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SERVING IN LOVE



"And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with everincreasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

CHURCH OFFICE

In 2021, due to COVID-19, we experienced lockdowns and reopening of the church premises. Throughout this period, we kept our COVID Safety plan up-to-date, adjusted the signages to follow our COVID plan, maintained contact tracing records and COVID supplies.

The Church Office worked closely with the Maintenance Team to provide onsite support to the Main Church Renovation project. We also arranged the repolishing of floors while the pews were removed and the piano platform built. The renovation was completed and the main church was reopened for services in November 2021.







The following is a glimpse of some areas that were worked on in 2021:

- Wrapped up the loose ends of the Education Centre Renovation project.
- Arranged and provided support to tradesmen and service providers to perform maintenance and repair works.
- Provided support to the building manager of our neighbours.
- Replenished COVID, office and other supplies.
- Maintained Zoom cloud storage.
- Arranged simplified Chinese bibles from Hong Kong.
- Customised and tested the Tithe.ly Giving feature for use in CCC.
- Liaised with Local Council on downpipes remediation works.
- Prepared and distributed the annual AGM pack and the monthly Board of Elders meeting pack.
- Prepared and distributed the weekly Church News.

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all."

2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-17

Christina continued to support the Church Treasurer in managing the finances of CCC during the 2021 year. Our regular tasks included the accounting for offertory and spending, administering payroll and meeting statutory requirements such as producing financial statements for audit and reporting to the ATO and ACNC (Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission).

Amidst the COVID disruptions, we were able to apply for the government's Jobsaver payments which assisted the church's financial needs.

The church made 360 payments during the year, such as:

- Covering repairs and maintenance.
- Purchase of equipment and supplies.
- Items needed by each area of ministry.
- Support payments to our missionaries, utilities and service providers.
- Spending at church camps.

We produced monthly financial reports for the Board of Elders meetings and coordinated the church budget for the 2022 year to enable CCC to foresee the spending ahead and be able to support the continual ministry work of the church. We thank God for the way he has blessed this church so abundantly and for the generosity of its members.

Anita was responsible for keeping abreast of the Government's COVID directives and guidelines and updating our COVID Safety Plan. She spent much time providing Elvanto support to various ministries, organising the NCLS survey and assisted with Sunday services restructuring planning. She provided the much-needed administrative support to the Pastoral Team. In 2022, her role will be changed to a Pastoral Assistant, working even more closely with the Pastoral Team.

We thank the many brothers and sisters who supported our church by working with the Church Office throughout the year. Special thanks goes to Russell Loon, Ron Huang and Ivy Yee for their behind-the-scenes dedication, devotion and diligence in serving our church.

Your servants in Christ, The Church Office team







MAINTENANCE TEAM

Over the past year there has been much work performed on the church site despite COVID lockdowns. The most prominent was the refurbishing of the church building, which involved:

- Extensive work to repair the water leaks.
- Re-render of necessary sections of the wall.
- · Removal of the internal paint; and
- · Painting the walls.

All materials used were porous to maintain the breathable nature of the building fabric. You might notice that the sandstone surrounds of the windows and doors have been left exposed to help return the church to its original appearance. In addition, the stained-glass windows were repaired and the floor under the side pews were epoxycoated, taking advantage of the pews being removed for wall access.



The congregations can now enjoy a new audio-visual system in the church which is completely digital. A new AV console has been installed in the back of the church to control all equipment including the lighting at the front of the church, microphones, speakers, projector and cameras. To help people serving from the front platform, a large 85" LED TV has been mounted on the back wall.

All power and lighting to the church has been replaced. The meter board has been upgraded to a smaller and secure board on the outside of the building. The main distribution board inside the music room has been replaced keep with current to electrical standards. The baptism pool heater has been moved to the other side of the room since water and electricity do not really mix for safety reasons. All lights have been replaced with LEDs including the illumination behind the cross. We now even have green exit lights and emergency lighting to comply with building safety standards.

















Other works inside the church were:

- Silent high flow directional fans providing air movement to assist our personal cooling systems.
- A new platform to support a baby grand piano donated by our brother in the Mandarin congregation; and
- Fire extinguishers (in case situations become too hot).

Around the church site CCTV cameras were installed in various locations for the security of the site. Unfortunately, the hard work of Ron in the garden was undone by thieves removing his plants, not once but twice! As for other gardening works, all the palms have been removed with the approval of our neighbours.

New storm water drainage was installed below the southern alley of the church to channel water directly into the storm water mains. We should now no longer have a wading pool under the awning to the Sunday School rooms. All downpipes to the church building have been plumbed away from the foundations to help eliminate rising damp. However, Local Council has advised some of the PVC pipe around the heritage part of the site is to be replaced with copper. This work will be done during 2022. The awning at the entry to the foyer has been repaired to have the slope fall back towards the main roof instead of to the front, which caused water deterioration of the lining.

Other work to be done in 2022 is to install fire extinguishers in the Sunday School rooms and upgrade the emergency lighting.

It is hoped the work on the heritage part of the church will last for the next 30 years or so. There is always work to be done on our site. We look forward to what God has in store for us in 2022. Where our built environment can facilitate our building of one church community for God's glory and to reach out with His word.



"For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ."

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5-6

COMMUNITY MINISTRY

THANKS BE TO GOD

for continuously leading the community ministries at CCC (including English as a Second Language (ESL) ministry, Senior Citizens group ministry and the Line Dancing ministry). While this year was full of challenges, it was also full of joy and thankfulness. Even during this unusual year, we were able to experience and moreover testify to God's grace through the mutual love of brothers and sisters as they cared for and continued to build relationships with one another. Through various events, more newcomers joined our church, there were more opportunities to share the gospel and to share God's love.

The committed service of brothers and sisters was an encouragement to us. I am so thankful to all our fellow workers and volunteers for their faithful service and dedication throughout the year.





SENIOR CITIZEN GROUP

THE GOAL OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP

MINISTRY IS TO BE A BLESSING TO THE

COMMUNITY, SHARING JESUS' LOVE BY SERVING A

GROUP OF CHINESE SENIORS

Although our committee had planned a one-year program for 2021, we had to cancel many of our activities due to the pandemic. The program included health talks, games, festive celebrations, and four bus excursions on council supplied community buses.



The constantly changing government pandemic regulations impacted on many of our activities this year. Nevertheless, I am so thankful for the committed service of the volunteers and their dedication to this ministry. Praise the Lord that we were able to celebrate Christmas together, sharing God's word, and even have new friends join us. Everyone had a wonderful time. May God continue to lead us this new year, so that we may be faithful witnesses for Him.



English as a Second Language (ESL)

ESL classes continued via Zoom for a small number of advanced students throughout 2021 despite Covid lockdown. One advantage of this was that two students who returned to their home country during the year were both able to regularly attend classes.

There were a few new students as well as some who discontinued. So the average class size remained about the same. Most classes included a "bible spot" and discussion related to the topic of the day.

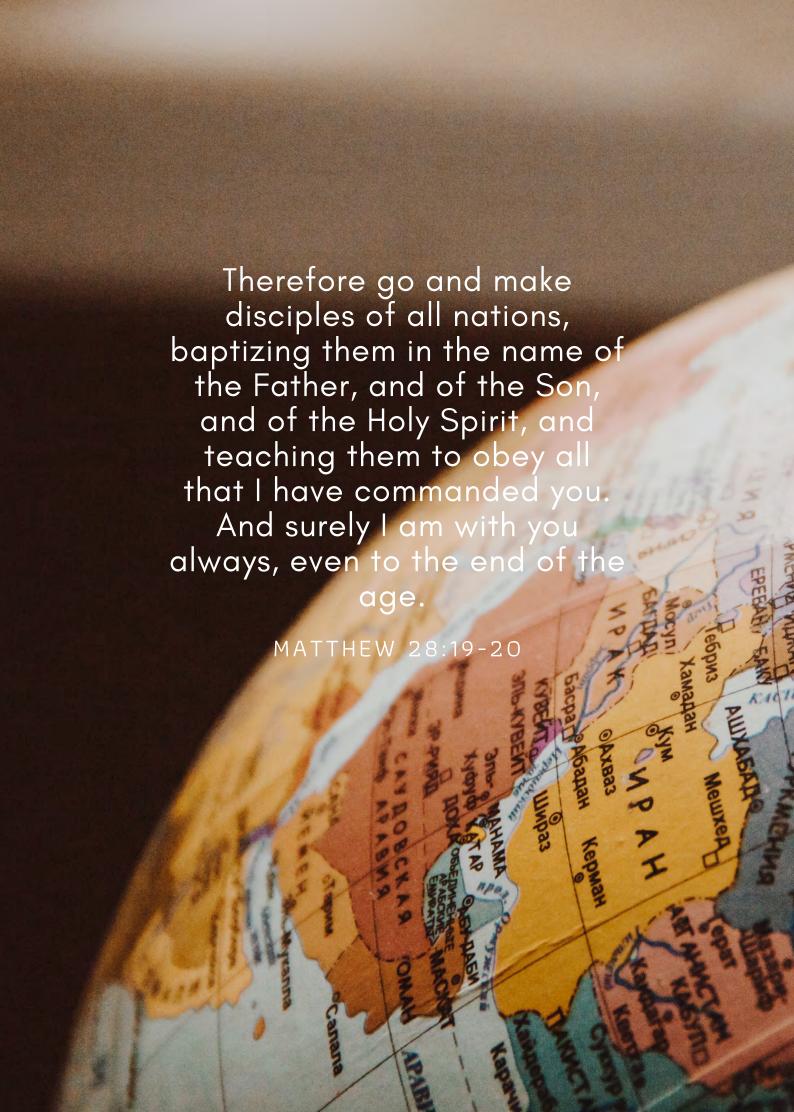
We have been unable to offer beginner classes because of the increased difficulty of being online. Plans for increasing classes and returning "live" in 2022 are uncertain because of staffing and pandemic related issues. However, the advanced class will continue for as long as there is demand.

Line Dancing ministry

2021 has been another interesting year for all of us, including the Line Dancing group. After the 2020 COVID lockdown, classes resumed on Wednesday 13 January 2021, with a COVID safety plan in place. The average combined attendance for classes 1 and 2, was around 35 to 40 until the end of June 2021, when NSW went back into lockdown. We have continued on Zoom since Wednesday 30 June 2021 until the present and will continue online until it is safe enough for the ladies to return to church at Milsons Point.

Kathy Chua

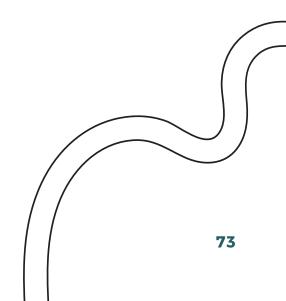




MISSION COMMITTEE

Committee Members

Chair	Swee Yeo (9:15 am)
Pastoral Team Rep (Chinese)	Rev. Jeff Wang
Secretary	Esther Lee (9:15 am) Alex Yuen (4 pm)
Treasurer	Jason Foo (9:15 am/11:15 am)
Prayer Facilitator	Carolyn Yee (4 pm)
Promotions	Enyi Lin (Mandarin)



Missionary Families / Organisations

Missionary Family	Organisation	Field
John & Denise Dickson, James, Mia & Sean	Pioneers	Thailand
H & S, J, E, M & C		S.E. Asia/Singapore
J & B, C & L		East Asia
Chloe & Conrad Shiao, Lucas & Daniel	VSET	Mongolia
James & Carolynn Webb, Toby & Gabriel	ECM	Spain
Mike & Joyce, Oli & Jono		Australia
Phil & Miriam Snelling, Denali & Noemi	FOCUS	Macquarie Uni, Australia
L & L		Africa

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?



AFRICA: L AND L

Despite another year of pandemic restrictions and periodic lockdowns, God continues to enable His faithful servants to share the Good News of salvation through Christ. We thank God that He continues to raise up workers for the harvest field. Thank you too for your prayers and support for our mission partners serving in Australia, Asia, Europe and now Africa.

EUROPE:

James and Carolynn Webb, with Toby and Gabriel - Basque Country

Serving in a small church plant in Zalla, amongst the Basque people. They returned to Australia in December 2021 for four months of home assignment.

ASIA:

John and Denise Dickson, with James (Australia), Mimi and Sean – Thailand

Serving alongside their co-workers in the growing Arun Nakhorn Gospel Community. Mimi returned to Sydney in November to begin university studies in 2022.

MONGOLIA:

Conrad and Chloe Chung, with Lucas and Daniel - Mongolia

Working with university students in Mongolia. They are adjusting to being a family of four and are looking for a new missions organisation, having left VSET towards the end of the year.

EAST ASIA/SINGAPORE:

H and S, with J, E, M and C – East Asia/Singapore

Mobilising churches and workers from various countries for the gospel. Despite the COVID pandemic, there is a growing number of people interested in missions.

J and B, with C and L – East Asia

Witnessing for Christ through their business, running training events and wellbeing programs. There have been many new opportunities to build relationships, including in the sporting community.

AUSTRALIA:

Mike and Joyce, with Oli and Jono Serving Chinese-speaking people in Australia. Mike is working in the OMF office providing support for Christian workers on the field and Joyce is leading Bible Study for ladies.

Phil and Miriam Snelling, with Denali and Noemi – FOCUS Macquarie University

Phil leads the FOCUS team in bringing in, building up and sending out international students to be disciples of Christ among the nations. There have been continual opportunities to reach students and their families online despite restrictions and lockdowns.















"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich."

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

FINANCIAL REVIEW

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

FINANCIAL REVIEW

CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH SYDNEY
ABN 68 000 499 883
A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
AND REGISTERED WITH THE ACNC

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your directors submit the financial report of the company for the year ended 31 December, 2021.

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

- Sammy Liu (Chairman)
- Edwin Choi (Treasurer)
- Jeremy Tham (Secretary)
- Frank Lee
- Stephen Lowe
- Jack Mock
- 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 and continues to the current date led to lockdowns which significantly disrupted the way CCC 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. The more recent lockdown occurred from late June to mid October 2021 and major events planned were either cancelled or postponed to 2022. Despite ongoing uncertainties, the weekly attendance and regular offertory during 2021 recovered to pre-COVID levels. The Church also benefited from the government stimulus packages such as JobSaver so that 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 loss of \$143,403 (2020 \$272,054 surplus) for the year, predominantly due to expenditure on building works in the main church. However, a net surplus was recorded from the building funds of \$237,078 (2020 \$123,446).

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 to Attend	Meetings Attended
Sammy Liu Edwin Choi Jeremy Tham Frank Lee Stephen Lowe Jack Mock Swee Yeo	12 12 8 4 4 4	12 12 7 4 4 4 4

Frank Lee, Stephen Lowe, Jack Mock and Swee Yeo resigned while Jeremy Tham was appointed as director at the annual general meeting during the year.

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:

Sammy Liu Chairman

Dated: 15 February 2022

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
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Revenue		
General Fund offerings and donations	1,083,654	928,625
Mission Fund offerings and donations	144,252	221,621
Building Fund offerings and donations	206,525	167,653
Total revenue from ordinary activities	1,434,431	1,317,899
Other Income		
Government support	92,560	236,702
Interest received	60,728	60,914
Other income	13,718	2,829
Total other income	167,006	300,445
Total revenue from ordinary activities and other income	1,601,437	1,618,344
Expenses		
General Fund expenses	(1,559,319)	(1,082,167)
Mission Fund expenses	(172,350)	(175,200)
Building Fund expenses	(13,171)	(88,923)
Total expenses from ordinary activities	(1,744,840)	(1,346,290)
Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the year	(143,403)	272,054

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

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER, 2021

		2021	2020
		\$	\$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	6,727,058	6,816,321
Receivables	2	29,598	54,745
Prepayments		0	10,027
Total Current Assets		6,756,656	6,881,093
Non Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	3	196,104	196,104
Total Non Current Assets		196,104	196,104
Total Assets		6,952,760	7,077,197
Current Liabilities			
Payables	4	95,019	139,559
Provisions	5	230,129	193,971
Deferred income		10,032	7,780
Total Current Liabilities		335,180	341,310
Non Current Liabilities			
Provisions	5	55,084	29,988
Total Non Current Liabilities		55,084	29,988
Total Liabilities		390,264	371,298
Net Assets		6,562,496	6,705,899
Funds			
Members Guarantee	6	0	0
Reserves	7	6,562,496	6,705,899
Total Funds		6,562,496	6,705,899

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, 2021

		2021	2020
		\$	\$
Movement in Reserves			
General Fund			
Surplus / (Loss) for the year		(407,738)	48,880
Accumulated funds at 1 January 2021		1,361,182	1,312,302
General Fund accumulated funds at 31 December 2021	7	953,444	1,361,182
Care Committee Fund			
Surplus for the year		0	(
Accumulated funds at 1 January 2021		46,090	46,090
Care Committee Fund accumulated funds at 31 December 2021	7	46,090	46,090
at of Determine 2021			
Mission Fund			
Surplus for the year		27,257	99,72
Accumulated funds at 1 January 2021		650,626	550,898
Mission Fund accumulated funds at 31 December 2021	7	677,883	650,620
School Building Fund			
Surplus for the year		202,009	91,052
Accumulated funds at 1 January 2021		1,042,898	951,846
School Building Fund accumulated funds			
at 31 December 2021	7	1,244,907	1,042,898
One Church Two Locations Building Fund			
Surplus for the year		35,069	32,394
Accumulated funds at 1 January 2021		3,605,103	3,572,709
One Church Two Locations Building Fund			
accumulated funds at 31 December 2021	7	3,640,172	3,605,103
Total Accumulated funds at 31 December 2021		6,562,496	6,705,899

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, 2021

		2021 \$	2020 \$
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Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
General Fund offerings and donations		1,083,319	911,311
Mission Fund offerings and donations		144,252	221,621
Building Fund offerings and donations		206,525	167,653
Government support received		116,410	212,852
Interest received		60,728	60,914
Other income received		12,656	2,829
General Fund expenses		(1,527,632)	(1,157,540)
Mission Fund expenses		(172,350)	(175,200)
Building Fund expenses		(13,171)	(88,923)
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	9	(89,263)	155,517
Change in Cash Held			
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		6,816,321	6,660,804
Cash at the end of the financial year	9	6,727,058	6,816,321
Netincrease/(decrease) in cash held		(89,263)	155,517

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, 2021

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 recognised 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, 2021

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, 2021

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(h) Impairment of Financial Assets

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.

The company should recognise 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.

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, 2021

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 2021 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

15 February 2022

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
2. RECEIVABLES		
Government Support Income Receivable	0	23,850
Franking Credits Receivable	17,649	17,314
GST Receivable	11,949	13,581
Total receivables	29,598	54,745
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		
Amounts Held in Trust	77,664	128,258
Sundry Creditors	17,355	11,301
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Total payables	95,019	139,559
5. PROVISIONS		
Current		
Provision for Annual Leave	142,209	109,474
Provision for Long Service Leave	87,920	84,497
Total provisions (current)	230,129	193,971
Non Current		
Provision for Church Planting	55,084	29,988
Total provisions (non current)	55,084	29,988

The Provision for Building Repairs closing balance of \$77,805 (2020 \$173,688) was applied against building repairs and maintenance expenses in the 2021 year.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2021

6. MEMBERS 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 as required but not exceeding the sum of twenty dollars (\$20) each.

	2021	2020 \$
	\$	
7. RESERVES		
General Fund	953,444	1,361,182
Care Committee Fund	46,090	46,090
Mission Fund	677,883	650,626
School BuildingFund	1,244,907	1,042,898
One Church Two Locations Building Fund	3,640,172	3,605,103
Total reserves	6,562,496	6,705,899

8. RELATED PARTYTRANSACTIONS

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

Sammy Liu (Chairman)

Edwin Choi (Treasurer)

Jeremy Tham (Secretary)

Frank Lee

Jack Mock

Stephen Lowe

Swee Yeo

Directors received no remuneration from the company.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH ELOWS		
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
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	1,320	1,952
- General Fund main account	392,786	399,941
- General Fund operating account	875	49,524
- School Building Fund main account	4,783	147,808
- Term deposits	6,327,294	6,217,096
Total cash assets	6,727,058	6,816,321
Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities		
to operating surplus / (loss) for the year		
Operating surplus / (loss) for the year	(143,403)	272,054
Net cash flows in operating surplus:		
Changes in Assets & Liabilities	25 147	(10.066)
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	25,147	(48,866)
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments	10,027	2,146
Increase/(decrease) in payables	(44,540)	(7,195)
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	61,254	(62,622)
Increase/(decrease) in deferred income	2,252	

Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities

155,517

(89,263)

2020

2021

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2021

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 A Interest	O	Floating Interest		Fixed Inter Maturing wit	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Financial assets	%	%	\$	\$	\$	\$
Deposits at call	0.01	0.01	399,764	599,225	0	0
Fixed interest	0.61	1.45	0	0	6,327,294	6,217,096
Total Financial Assets			399,764	599,225	6,327,294	6,217,096

(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.

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:
 - a. Comply with Australian Accounting Standards including the Australian Accounting Interpretations and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013;
 - b. 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 2021 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.

Sammy Liu

Director (Chairman)

Dated: 15 February 2022

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 2021. The financial report includes the financial statements comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021, 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 2021 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.

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, 15 February 2022

DETAILED REVENUE AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
General Fund		
Income		
Offerings and donations	1,083,654	928,625
Government support	92,560	236,702
Interest received	11,653	12,895
Other income	13,718	2,829
Total Income	1,201,585	1,181,051
Expenses		
Operating expenses		
Ministers' stipends and expenses	(704,599)	(516,109)
Building maintenance and related expenses	(572,020)	(302,782)
Office staff wages and expenses	(161,595)	(150,581)
Administration expenses	(49,504)	(57,861)
Ministry expenses	(67,571)	(50,834)
Audit fees	(4,030)	(4,000)
Total Operating expenses	(1,559,319)	(1,082,167)
Donation to Mission Fund	(50,004)	(50,004)
Total Expenses	(1,609,323)	(1,132,171)
General Fund surplus / (loss) for the year	(407,738)	48,880
Mission Fund		
Income		
Offerings and donations	144,252	221,621
Donation from GeneralFund	50,004	50,004
Interest received	5,351	3,303
Total Income	199,607	274,928
Expenses		
Mission Fund expenses	(172,350)	(175,200)
Total Expenses	(172,350)	(175,200)
Mission Fund surplus for the year	27,257	99,728

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, 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Building Fund		
Income		
School Building Fund offerings and donations	206,525	167,553
One Church Two Locations Building Fund offerings and donations	0	100
Interest received	43,724	44,716
Total Income	250,249	212,369
Expenses		
School Building Fund expenses	(13,171)	(88,923)
Total Expenses	(13,171)	(88,923)
Building Fund surplus for the year	237,078	123,446
Total Surplus / (Loss) for the Year	(143,403)	272,055

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

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17



