

# ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT

2023 ISSUE

CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH



"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade."

1 PETER 1.3-4A





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# CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

As I reflected on 2022, it was a busy year and there are many things to be thankful for. Being an elder is a great privilege and a humbling experience. Even though it requires a significant time commitment, it is a truly rewarding experience. I truly thank God for providing me with an opportunity to serve Him and CCC in this capacity. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the elders, pastors, deacons and ministry leaders for their diligence and dedication to the ministries of our church. A special thanks to elder Frank Lee who was willing to re-join the eldership after a year's break. I would also like to thank all the volunteers in our church who are involved in supporting our various ministries and congregations. There are many brothers and sisters who work tirelessly behind the scenes from week to week, Sunday to Sunday, which often goes unnoticed.

It is encouraging to see many positive changes occurring over the course of 2022. Many members were able to settle back into physical services and each ministry is adapting to the forever changing "new normal" after COVID-19.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your contribution to the life of our church.

We thank God for leading CCC through the restructure of the worship services where the three English services combined into one along with the changes to worship times. It is good to see the English ministry starting to stabilise through this major structural change as it continues to build the community as an intergenerational service. However, the year has not been without its challenges. The restructure has caused additional strain on the Cantonese ministry, on top of not having a Pastor, but I thank God for the many deacons, leaders and volunteers in the Cantonese ministry stepping up to continue the running and growth of the Cantonese ministry.

God has blessed our church abundantly through the generosity of our members, both in terms of their time and financial resources, through fundraising efforts and increased contributions from our members. The offertory for both the General and Mission Funds have increased compared to prior years. We pray that this momentum be maintained to increase the financial giving so we can continue to invest and expand the ministries that we are able to do in 2023 and beyond.

In the 2020 AGM, the church voted for Redeemer to have a branch church status and since then, the Redeemer leadership has been working towards independence. It is encouraging to see Redeemer has steadily grown in attendance and offertory over time. They are reaching a point where they are ready to become an independent church and this will be voted on by the members during the 2023 AGM.

For the first time in many years, the full Board of Elders (which includes the elders, pastors and diaconate chairs) had a weekend retreat in August up the Central Coast. We discussed the future direction of the church and our key priorities. It was a great time of fellowship between board members and a time where we had robust discussions on direction and priorities.

**Despite details to be worked out, we have agreed on three key priorities for CCC:**

- 1. Intentional church planting.**
- 2. Building a strong leadership pipeline.**
- 3. Focus on the next generation (children, youth and university ministries).**

One of the key decisions that was made during 2022 was to repurpose the 1C2L fund into the Future Development Fund to expand the scope of the use of this fund for the purpose of church planting and expansion of ministries through the purchase or leasing of property soon.

Thinking back to my involvement in the 50th Anniversary celebrations back in 2015, I learnt of the rich and successful history of CCC planting several churches over the past 50 years and each of them have grown in their own ways since and planted other churches. As likeminded Chinese churches in Sydney, I believe there are ministry partnership opportunities and mutual support that we can offer to each other, so we have started to build and strengthen relationships with the churches that we have planted in the past.

Church ministries have their ups and downs. Things often may not go according to the way we planned, but we need to humble ourselves before God and seek His will in what we do as a church. We look forward to what God has planned for us in 2023. We should pray earnestly and in unity that CCC can continue to reach as many people as possible with the gospel.

**SAMMY LIU**

**BOARD OF ELDERS CHAIRMAN**

**"This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time."**

**1 PETER 1.4B-5**





# ONE COMMUNITY

**ONE  
COMMUNITY**

**GROWING  
IN CHRIST**

**SERVING  
IN LOVE**

**REACHING  
THE WORLD**

**FINANCIAL  
REVIEW**

# CCC AT A GLANCE

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CONGREGATIONS

635

ADULTS

142

UNDER 18

416

CHURCH ADULT  
MEMBERS

529

AVERAGE WEEKLY  
ATTENDANCE

\$21,779

AVERAGE WEEKLY  
OFFERTORY

## WEEKLY SERVICE ATTENDANCE

(INCLUDES MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS)

124

CANTONESE

205

ENGLISH

134

MANDARIN

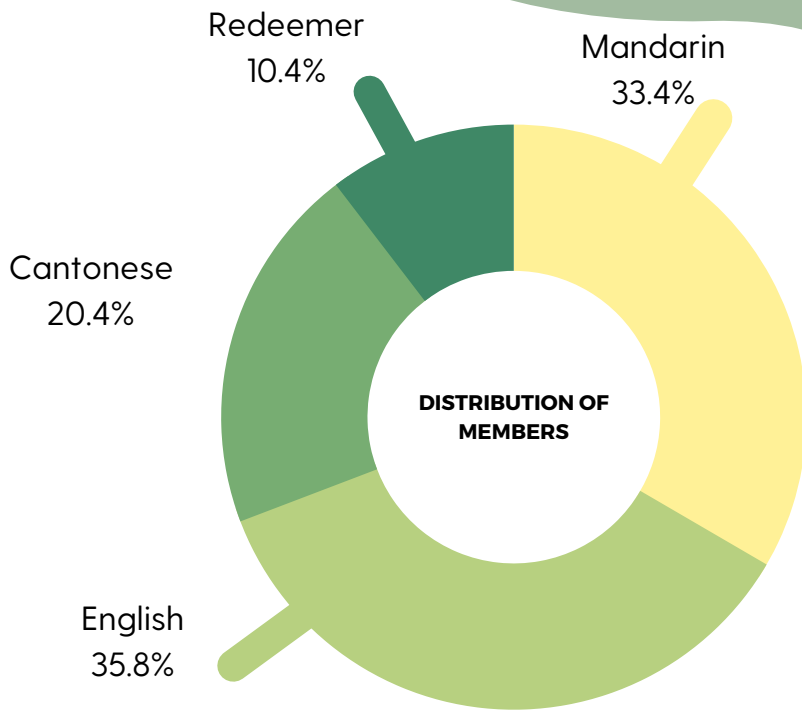
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REDEEMER

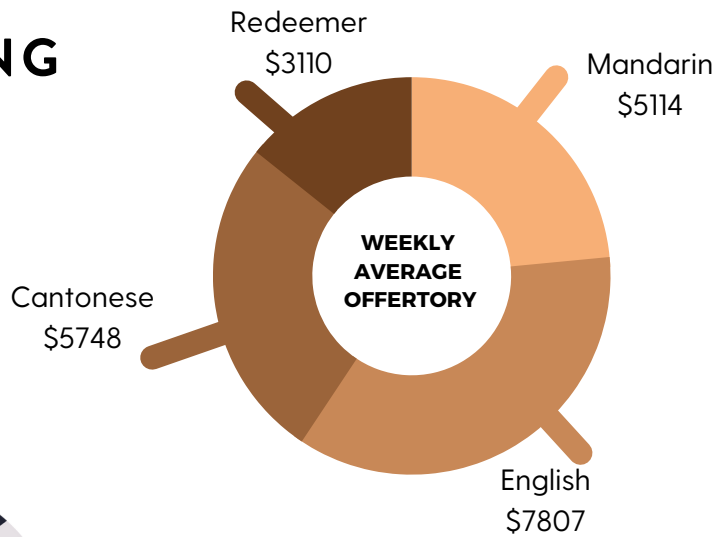




# DISTRIBUTION OF MEMBERS



# WEEKLY GIVING



"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God;  
**once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."**

**1 PETER 2.9-10**



# CCC KEY LEADERSHIP, MINISTRIES AND COMMITTEES

## BOARD OF ELDERS

<p><b>ELDERS</b> Sammy Liu, Edwin Choi, Jeremy Tham From AGM: Frank Lee</p>	<p><b>PASTORAL TEAM</b> Rev Chris Chua, Rev Ying Yee, Rev Jeff Wang, Rev Winston Mah, Rev Joe Cho, Pastor Caroline Dong, Pastor Dan Shih, Pastor Anita Chan</p>	<p><b>DIACONATE CHAIRS</b> Elton Tsang, Marco Pu, Philip Leung</p>
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Church Office	English Ministry	Mandarin Ministry	Cantonese Ministry	Redeemer City Church
<p><b>Admin and Facilities</b> Frankie Ng</p> <p><b>Finance and HR</b> Christina Gock</p>	<p>Rev Ying Yee Rev Winston Mah Pastor Dan Shih + English Diaconate (6) Phil Leung</p>	<p>Rev Jeff Wang Rev Chris Chua Pastor Caroline Dong + Mandarin Diaconate (6) Marco Pu</p>	<p>Pastor Anita Chan* + Cantonese Diaconate (9) Elton Tsang</p>	<p>Rev Joe Cho + Leadership Team (8)</p>

Children Ministry Committee	Mission Committee	Youth Ministry Committee	Maintenance Team	Community Ministries
<p><b>Chair</b> Pastor Dan Shih</p> <p><b>Coordinators</b> Jenny Chan Carmen Seeto Jenny Sher Vincent Fung</p> <p><b>Congregational Representatives</b> Jeremy Tham Karen Woo Ivy Yee</p>	<p><b>Chair</b> Swee Yeo</p> <p><b>PT Rep</b> Rev Jeff Wang</p> <p><b>Secretary</b> Esther Lee Alex Yuen</p> <p><b>Treasurer</b> Jason Foo</p> <p><b>Prayer</b> Carolyn Yee</p> <p><b>Promotions</b> Enyi Lin</p>	<p><b>Chair</b> Rev Winston Mah + FY Leaders (12)</p>	<p>Ken Gock Russell Loon</p> <p><b>Women's Committee</b></p> <p><b>Women's Conference Coordinators</b></p> <p><b>English</b> Ivy Yee Catherine O'Chee</p> <p><b>Canto</b> Cecilia Yuen</p> <p><b>Mando</b> Annie Ho Jane Leung</p>	<p>Pastor Caroline Dong</p> <p><b>ESL</b></p> <p><b>Organiser</b> Evelyn Lee Teachers (2)</p> <p><b>Line Dancing</b></p> <p><b>Instructor</b> Kathy Chua</p> <p><b>Senior Citizens</b></p> <p>Grace Mak</p>



# ENGLISH MINISTRY

## ENGLISH LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

### ENGLISH DIACONATE

- Phil Leung (Chairman)
- Yong Tan (Secretary)
- Andrea Leung
- Rebecca Yee
- Christine O'Chee
- Lydia Low

We continue to praise God for his goodness to CCC. Despite the challenges, it is very clear that God is at work in and through his people. Week after week we continue to see God growing his people in Christ-likeness and spreading his gospel through his people.



### KEY EVENTS

**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

**Equip and OneLove**  
Women's conferences

**Baptism service**  
Six candidates baptised

# THREE INTO ONE

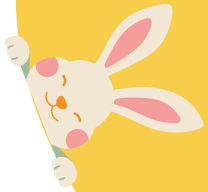
## a new beginning for the English ministry

The big event of 2022, was the merging of the three English congregations. For 30yrs both the 9:15am and the 4pm congregations, and more recently the 11:15am congregation, have operated as silo ministries. While this might have served us well in the short term, in the long term it had a negative impact on CCC as a whole that has resulted in:

- An aging morning congregation.
- The loss of generations of young people from our evening service to other churches.
- Detrimental impact on the youth ministries.
- The loss of mature English leaders.

With all this in mind it was believed that building long-term discipleship was best done within an intergenerational context. It was an opportunity where the young can learn from the wisdom of older and more mature believers. It also provides the opportunity for the older generation to equally learn from the creativity and energy of the younger generation.

Generally, the merge has been a large success. It has been exciting to see both young and old coming together to worship and serve.



## HIGHLIGHTS

- **The baptisms of six members.**
  - **Investigating Christianity** - a short course for those learning about Christianity.
  - **Training in how to read the bible one on one with people.**
  - **Coaching training** - learning the skill to coach people.
  - **Monthly morning teas catered by the Growth Groups.**
  - **Onboarding** - a half-day session for new leaders.

# BUILDING A DISCIPLE- MAKING CULTURE

While the restructuring has been important, we also recognise that this is purely an organisational matter. For this reason we need to build a disciple-making culture. The organisation Vinegrowers has helped us focus on building a culture of discipleship by working with us to assess our Sunday service, programs and the way we speak of things.

## 4Es

### ENGAGING

**Engaging** and connecting with unbelievers around us.

### EVANGELISING

**Evangelising** by opening our mouths to share the gospel.

### ESTABLISHING

**Establishing** believers in the faith.

### EMPOWERING

**Empowering** people 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.

**ENGAGE**

**EVANGELIZE**

**ESTABLISH**

**EMPOWER**

**PROCLAMATION**

**PRAYER**

**PEOPLE**

**PATIENT**

**MATURITY IN JESUS**





## Fellowship of Young Adults (FYA)

In February 2022, we launched a new young adults ministry we have called FYA (pronounced “fire”). It started in a shaky way as we were unsure what to do, but over the months we were finally about to develop a good program and have built a good FYA community. FYA is a weekly meeting on Wednesday evening from 7 to 9pm at Milsons Point. Average attendance is between 20-30. We hope to grow this to a regular 35 in attendance for 2023.

## Pastoral Care groups

Any change will be uncomfortable and unsettling. As a way of caring for people through the transition to one service, we set up pastoral care groups to ensure that people were cared for throughout the year.

## Seniors Ministry

One group that has struggled to come back to CCC because of the increasing difficulty of logistics, has been our seniors. As many are still on Zoom, it is important to keep building a community for them. We have recently started our Seniors ministry which is essentially our English Seniors lunch at the Epping Church office. The mission of our seniors ministry is to help them “Grow in Christ as they grow grey.” We finished 2022 with a great Seniors Christmas potluck luncheon.

We are working out our ministry to the seniors, however, it will probably take the form of visitations, phone calls and seniors lunches to encourage them in their walk with God, but it is also a time for them to invite unchurched seniors to come and hear the gospel.

## Support ministry

Much of what we do in the English ministry would not have been possible without the dedication of our support ministries working behind the scenes, in particular:

- REACH team (our event organisers)
- Welcoming team
- Music team
- AV team
- Graphic design team



## Challenges for 2022

While there is so much to praise God for, there are still many challenges to lift in prayer:

- The lack of leaders such as growth group leaders and deacons.
- Wisdom to know how to care for our seniors and to keep growing them in Christ.
- Growing our university age ministry.
- Growing a disciple-making culture.

## God is at work

Finally, while the report focuses on the programs we ran in 2022, we continue to praise God that despite all our work, preparation and planning, we are amazed at God's faithful, quiet and often unnoticed work behind the scenes. We have seen many times where God opens up opportunities, and to the surprise of our members, opportunities to share his good news to friends, colleagues and family members. We have seen God continue to grow his people as they wrestle with their sin and aim to live godly lives.

*We finish 2022 praising God for this continued faithfulness despite our own sinfulness.*

*All praise be to God.*



**“The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”**

**DEUTERONOMY 31:8**



# CANTONESE MINISTRY

## Diaconate

Interim Pastor	Anita Chan
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 Woo as a co-worker
Youth	Anita Chan
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 29	Evangelical Sunday Service
Aug 14	Cantonese training (Rev. Charles Cheung)
Sept 10	Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration
Sept 17	Church-wide leadership vision sharing and feedback
Oct 22	Planning Day





## "2022 IS ANOTHER YEAR THAT WE WITNESSED GOD'S ABUNDANT GRACE AND PROVISION"

2022 is another year that we witnessed God's abundant grace and provision. He has prepared every leader of the Cantonese congregation to have a faithful and serving heart so that the year 2022 is seen to be fruitful, encouraging and full of evangelical opportunities.

The attendance of the Cantonese service has grown steadily while the offertory has also improved. Even though we are still waiting for a new pastor, we are thankful to have Anita as our interim pastor to look after the Cantonese congregation. Praise our Lord.

Mid-Autumn festival celebration marked the first major event after almost two and a half years of the pandemic. It was thoroughly enjoyed by 150 attending members, friends and family who were able to share a meal together, have good fellowship and build a strong sense of community.

Church app had been set up after several sessions of explanation and with on-going technical assistance. Thus, church news and updates can be spread out efficiently and the printing of paper bulletins was reduced significantly.

Sunday service had been affected by the pandemic in 2021. Thank God that from the beginning of 2022, physical Sunday service gradually returned to full swing with some members still using online services due to various reasons. The department is planning to keep the YouTube services and cease the Zoom services in 2023.

The evangelical department has monthly meetings for praying and organising evangelical events for the Cantonese demographic who might have the potential to come to CCC Cantonese service. In 2022, two leisure walks have been successfully launched. Thank God that around 10 to 15 newcomers attended the activity. The department also supported the afternoon tea/chatting meetings organised by the Caring department for promoting the gospel. In 2022, four brothers and sisters were converted to Christianity. They have been closely followed up with nurturing courses.



The Cantonese caring department welcomes newcomers during Cantonese Sunday service and carries out follow-up accordingly. The department has been able to organise regular visitation even in the absence of a Cantonese pastor. The department has also launched five afternoon tea/chatting meetings with specific topics; by which, 10 to 15 newcomers attended regularly. Praise our Lord for using the team to introduce gospel-related conversation with the newcomers during the meetings.

For music ministry, the choir had been able to present live items every month in 2022, and most of the choir members were able to come back to Milsons Point for practice. In 2023, a concert will be organised which will be a challenging task. We pray that it will be a way to bring new people to the church and spread the gospel.

Adult Sunday School has seen two new teachers joining the ministry. In 2023, the department will start implementing a longer term plan to systematically cover the books of the Bible in five years.

May our Lord provide enough manpower and resources to complete the goal.

With restructuring of the English services into one, it poses a great challenge to the children's Sunday School and youth ministry. With fewer classes and less teachers, the current teachers have been exhausted and some are unable to attend the service for most of the year. More helpers are needed to relieve the pressure for all those faithful servants.

Mission department has been arranging missionaries to share during service. Missionary videos were also played once or twice every quarter in order to promote the awareness and importance of the mission. It will continue in the coming year.



Prayer is the backbone of all ministries. Prayer meetings have been going on every Sunday morning from 8am. We thank God for those who participate physically or online supporting the church ministries and caring for all brothers and sisters in need.

Housegroup and senior fellowship groups are essential vehicles that the Cantonese BOD uses to serve our congregation. More than 80% of the congregation joined the groups. "Christian Virtue" from the Lifeguide Bible Study series is being studied throughout 2022 in all housegroups to build stronger housegroups and reconnect brothers and sisters.

The majority of the Cantonese house groups had a major shuffle last year. We pray that God continues to use His faithful servants to look after His people and that all members are being spiritually built up and care for one another.

In the senior groups, the Canaan Fellowship was moved from Milsons Point to Epping, while the Eden Fellowship remained at Milsons Point. The purpose of this was to spread the word of the gospel, with one group focused on outreach around Epping, while the other served the North Shore. Both groups have had a large majority of members return to physical gathering, with newcomers also attending.

Women's Fellowship has been growing closer and stronger over the past year. They meet once a fortnight and have been active in outreach and training.



**M**en's Fellowship started the year with training and has focused on reaching out to a number of new brothers who have recently joined CCC.

After the completion of the men's discipleship training in 2021, the women's discipleship training groups were carried out and completed in 2022.

We are also blessed to have Rev. Charles Cheung to tailor a three half-day training course which was designed for the Cantonese leaders and potential leaders. It was completed in October in order to equip all leaders to better serve the church.



With English services merging from three to one and Cantonese service time moving from 9:15am to 9:00am, the challenges imposed on the Cantonese congregation are imminent. For the sustainability of the Cantonese congregation, a long-term strategy is needed and the church leaders are working hard on it. We ask all brothers and sisters to remember this issue in your prayers. May God grant us the wisdom and love.



# MANDARIN MINISTRY

## 2021-2022 Board of Deacons

- Marco Pu (Chairman)
- Stephen Han
- Joanne Luo
- Ben Liu
- Jed Bian
- Tim Dong (on leave)





Looking back on our Mandarin ministry in the past year, I am filled with gratitude and praise. Thank God! During the restricted period of the pandemic, because of His grace and mercy, He prepared everything for us, guided us all the way, and kept us wherever we were. Facing this extraordinary year, under the leadership of the Lord Jesus, the service of Mandarin ministry became a year of renewed strength and a year of renewed life.

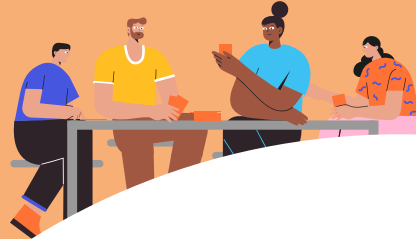
We survived many restrictions imposed by the government's measures during the pandemic. In 2022, the Mandarin Ministry resumed the in-person Sunday services, and the number of attendees exceeded 100 people weekly. However, we still maintained the live broadcast of Sunday services for about one-third of the brothers and sisters who had difficulties attending in person. Sunday School and a small number of fellowship groups also resumed in-person meetings, and at the same time, most bible study groups and discipleship training courses remained online.

The theme of the church's pastoral care in 2022 was "Discipleship". Mandarin ministry planned its discipleship approach from:

- Catechumens class (six courses)
- Baptism and conversion
- Accept (six courses)
- The cultivation of new faith
- Guide to a stable church life
- Become a member (requires three courses of membership class)
- Participate in Sunday service, small groups, volunteer in church ministries, providing advanced discipleship training until becoming a church leader.

The goal of this project was to enable the congregation to grow spiritually through discipleship training. Not only to pursue their own spiritual growth, but also to help others grow together. It also taught us to learn to love and cooperate with each other in serving and to ground ourselves more deeply in the faith and build a closer relationship with God. This plan can also be based on the implementation situation. We made evaluations from time to time, and we made supplements and adjustments if we found deficiencies as we went.

I am very grateful that the Mandarin Ministry held a series of spiritual equipment courses this year. Many brothers and sisters actively signed up and participated enthusiastically. The number of people exceeded expectations.



- Six people were baptized this year; 30-40 people attended the sharing session on the afternoon of the baptism day, and the testimonies of the newly baptized people were very inspiring.
- Throughout the year (June, August, and October), Reverend Charles Cheung was specially invited to give lectures on the "Leadership Training Class" three times, with the number of attendees between 25-32.
- A newly established Welcoming ministry team consisted of five families (including Reverend Wang and his wife) forming a core group to follow up and visit newcomers. In total:
  - 45 people, including 16 newcomers attended the Welcome Tea Gathering on 7 August.
  - 72 people, including 31 newcomers, attended the Tea Gathering on 18 December.
- The Mid-Autumn Festival Gala was held on 3 September, with 102 attendees (including 18 new friends). It included several small programs to spice up the evening.
- The first marriage seminar was held on 13 November. A total of 52 people attended it. Everyone responded enthusiastically and looked forward to the next seminar.
- On 18 November, the traditional "Sunday Christmas Music Worship" of the Mandarin Ministry was held as scheduled, with 157 in-person attendees and 44 online attendees, totaling more than 200 attendees. 13 newcomers attended the Worship.

In short, over the past year, Mandarin Ministry has not only equipped believers and co-workers by offering these systematic training courses, but also helped us know how to make disciples and make disciples more effectively. Through the various fellowship activities we held, we could care for those in need around us and spread the gospel. May the power of the Holy Spirit lead more people to the Lord Jesus Christ and grow the kingdom of God.

Finally, I would like to thank God for providing us with a dedicated team of deacons and co-workers. The new Board of Deacons composed of nine deacons, among which five key co-workers committed themselves to join the current deacon board under the call of the Lord to assist and cooperate with the pastoral team of the Mandarin Ministry to preach, shepherd, and serve all believers.

Thanks to the Holy Spirit for leading the communication in the monthly regular deacon meetings, which was always warm and in-depth. Sometimes everyone inevitably had different views and opinions, but the co-workers would communicate with each other with love and patience, and used God's words to encourage each other, so that the team of co-workers could be built.

May the Lord give us grace and strength in the new year. May He give us wisdom and ability, and allow us to be greatly used as a suitable vessel in His hands. Glory to the Lord!





## Reverend Chris Chua

After discussion with the Elders, from May 2022 my ministry in CCC will be 3 days a week. My responsibilities are Sunday preaching, teaching, training, and mentoring with the blessing of the Pastoral Team members. I will assist East Sydney Community Christian Church (ESCCC) and Chung Chen Chinese Christian Church (CCCCC), which used to be the branch church of CCC. I will work with the Elders on the idea of organising the previous branch churches of CCC to form an Association of Chinese Churches.

From May 2022:

1. I handed over the Mandarin Service to Rev. Jeff Wang. He was trained and ordained in CCC. God has called him to shepherd His flock with Jesus as his Chief Shepherd. He has been a faithful and caring pastor. I will continue to serve as his mentor. I have continued to preach and lead the different bible study groups weekly.
2. As agreed, I have not attended the weekly meetings of the Pastoral Team, the monthly meetings of the Board of Elders and the Mandarin Board of Deacons (MBOD).
3. Cantonese Service is still looking for a full-time pastor. I have been helping them in the Pastoral Search Committee (PSC), preaching, conducting the Holy Communion, and Baptism, guiding the MBOD in some important ministry issues as requested.
4. In July 2021, I helped ESCCC to start the Mandarin Service online because of COVID. I invited Rev. Jeff Wang, Pastor Caroline Dong and Deacon Marco Pu and other ministers associated with CCC to assist in the preaching. From July 2022 the members have been worshipping physically. Currently, the weekly attendance has been steady, around 30 people.



# REDEEMER CITY CHURCH

## INTRODUCTION

Redeemer City Church is a branch church of CCC Milsons Point that gathers for Sunday worship at 10am in the Sebel Hotel (Chatswood). This year we celebrated five years since we held our first public service which is a testament to God's gracious guidance, the resilience of the congregation and the support of our mother church.

This was the second year under Rev. Joe's oversight and the first full year without any major COVID related disruptions. We were eager to continue to get back to 'normal' church rhythms, figure out what post-pandemic ministry to the world looks like and continue to be rooted and established in the love of Christ.



Being a newly established ministry, Redeemer has a strong sense of purpose and drive to want to 'do ministry'. But it has been my prayer that we (and I speak to myself the most) prioritise our relationship with Christ by daily being gripped by the great love of Christ. As we continue to abide in him, we hope that we will bear fruit for His Kingdom.

*Ephesians 3:16-19*

*16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. **And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.***

## Highlights

Sam and Matt's Baptism  
20 March 2022

# SUNDAY SERVICE

We've continued to faithfully gather in the name of Jesus, to be encouraged and equipped to make Jesus known in Chatswood and beyond.

In our Sunday service we've had:

- Two baptisms
- 12 child dedications
- Growth in physical Sunday service attendance (Q1 to Q2 - 40s to Q3 to Q4 - 60s)

Promises made by the parents at the Child dedication service  
22 September 2022



James pointing to the provider of our spiritual and physical food at the Redeemer Thanksgiving lunch  
27 November 2022



# DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

On top of meeting together for Sunday service, we also gather in smaller groups to study God's word, to love each other and to minister together.

Groups include:

- Minis - Age 2 to preschool age (10 regulars).
- Kids - Primary school (six regulars).
- Teens - High school (two regulars).
- Growth groups (around 60 regulars).

This year we added a 'missional community' element to our groups where we prayed for and held two or three events for the purpose of connecting with our non-Christians friends together.

Uncle Joey teaching at Redeemer Kids  
18 September 2022



Joe and Sam's Denistone/Carlingford  
group looking cosy  
30 November 2022



# MISSION

Coming out of a period of isolation, social distancing and minimal 'meeting with strangers', we were unsure how willing the general community would want to engage with us. To our surprise we greeted many people going back to church for the first time (at Sunday service), had many friendly discussions with people at the park (Tiny Tunes) and also said 'hello' to many people at events (Emerge festival).

## TINY TUNES

This is our music playgroup outreach ministry that meets every second and fourth Tuesday morning at Mandarie Park Lane Cove. Rev. Joe and a group of our mums and their babies/toddlers organise to sing songs, read a story and have conversations with other parents/carers at the park with the hope of connecting with them.

## EMERGE FESTIVAL

Since 2018, Redeemer has run a community market stall at the annual Willoughby Council Emerge Festival Street Fair alongside 150+ stallholders. We offered kid-friendly activities and a mobile photo booth as a means to serve and connect with our community. This was the first time since COVID struck that it was back on.

## WHITEHALL AGED CARE FACILITY CHRISTMAS VISIT

Redeemer returned to visit the residents at Whitehall Aged Care Centre Lindfield, which reopened for visits for the first time since COVID restrictions had places like this under lockdown. The best part of visiting Whitehall is that we are allowed to explicitly share the Christian Christmas message - which we did through carols, a skit, bible verses and conversations.



Mei-Mei reads the story of Jesus' birthday at the special Tiny Tunes Christmas event  
20 December 2022



Alyssa and the boys setting up despite the rain in the morning  
3 September 2022



## Training

Throughout the calendar year, the congregation attended various training events for being equipped for Christian life and ministry. External training events attended included: Redeemer Retreat, SMBC Childrens Conference, Reach Australia Conference, Basecamp, KCC OneLove. Internal training that was held included: Fundamentals of Christianity (for new believers), Baptism course, Deacons training and Men's discipleship gathering.



Andrew and Nicole play the part of two stars in our Christmas skit at our Whitehall Aged Care Facility  
3 December 2022



SMBC Childrens Conference  
7 May 2022



Hanging out during down time at our Redeemer retreat  
30 October 2022



Men's discipleship event - 1 October 2022



# Projects

## Pathway to independence

Redeemer became a branch church of CCC at the 2020 AGM. We were recognised to have our own distinct mission in reaching Chatswood and beyond and have been working towards growing into a mature church that can stand on its own feet (and God willing plant more churches like us).

Our steps towards maturing and becoming ready for independence includes:

- Appoint a lead pastor.
- Congregational maturity (church membership, bible studies and sermons).
- Leadership maturity (training deacons and future elders).
- Financially self-sufficient (being able to pay for our own things).

## Property search

While The Sebel Hotel has been a great place to meet, we project further growth and the need for more space. That is why we've been inquiring and visiting various locations in Chatswood. We've looked into commercial office spaces, schools, cinemas and church buildings, but nothing quite suitable has popped up. We continue to trust and ask God to provide for all our ministry needs.



Stephen and the Wongs checking out a commercial office space - 2 March 2022

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

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## Children Ministry Committee (CMC)

"PICKLE!" I shouted, straining to make my already-tired voice heard over the solid wall of cacophony erupting out of Room 8 downstairs. "You're next, so come up here now!" The uproar doesn't abate even slightly, and I still wonder how the noisy chatter of a half dozen preteens can sound akin to the mightiest hordes of the Lord's angelic armies assembled for battle.



It was 10:13am on a Sunday morning earlier in the year, and I was guest teaching one of the 9am Sunday school classes. The subject of the lesson was the penultimate verse of St. Paul's glorious doxology in Philipians: "that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth". I had spent the previous hour impressing upon the children the concept of just vindication: There are people today who will not bow to Jesus, but one day they will. They all will. If not today then one day every last man, woman, and child will confess the truth of who he is

We were taking turns reciting the memory verse. Earlier in the lesson one of the students, meeting me for the first time, decided to introduce himself as "Da Pickle" (or was it "das pickle?" "darth pickle?" I didn't quite catch the first word, but I was sure he said pickle). He thought it would be cheeky; a way to troll the substitute. Little did he know that I wasn't just any old substitute, and now he will be known to me as "Pickle" for at least the rest of the year, if not beyond. Pickle came up and laboured out the verse with his eyes closed.

This year the children's ministry began with a monumental challenge: How will Sunday school fare after the big English service three to one restructure? Classes will have to be rearranged and teaching rosters adjusted as the English and Mandarin ministries partner up at the 10:45am slot and the Cantonese run solo at 9am. This logistical undertaking was met with zeal and love by the Sunday School team, and the Sunday School coordinators went above and beyond to take care of the considerable administrative responsibilities all year. Our church is deeply indebted to the faithfulness of Karen Woo, Jenny Sher, Jenny Chan, Carmen Seeto, and Vincent Fung.





One of the core convictions of our ministry is the importance of relationships. We are committed to teaching children, not content. What is of utmost importance to us is not just that our kids know a bunch of Bible stories and trivia, but they experience belonging to God's covenant community. We do not want them simply to know the Bible, but to identify themselves as children of God, for whom God's Word is a light on their path (Psalm 119:105). This is not to say that we don't care about biblical teaching. One of the highlights of this year for me was the end-of-year trivia challenge organised by our Sunday School teachers. The 9am and 10:45am kids faced each other to see who could answer the most questions, which were taken from Sunday School lessons throughout the year. The children's memory and enthusiasm thoroughly impressed me.

If the goal is to disciple our children and keep them part of our community, our teachers and assistants are critical to realising this goal; they are more than childminders. Each of them throw themselves into the task of teaching Sunday School with passion and love because they do love these kids as their own spiritual children. I am grateful for each of our volunteers; many of them make time out of their very full lives to plan lessons, prepare games, and give their physical energy to building relationships with children on Sundays. It is an easy mistake to reduce the Sunday School ministry to just childminding; "someone's got to babysit the kids while the grown-ups worship God", but Jesus rebuked his disciples and told them to "let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14).

In 2023, one of our challenges will be to strengthen the structure of our Sunday school. I've been told that "leadership pipeline" is the new church buzzword for the 2020s, just like "Christ-centered" was for the decade before. For us, raising new Sunday School teachers is not just a practical need to keep the ministry running; it is also a spiritual imperative to grow the members of our church in love and servanthood.

Some of our volunteers have been teaching for many years. Our current CMC team has been serving nonstop almost without a break and they all treat this lay ministry like a second job. It is important for our future to raise up leaders at every level, teaching assistants, teachers, and committee members. We not only need to train them, but also support them, give them a vision, and disciple them. This year, I am working with the CMC team to develop a formal training program for new teachers focused on building character, conviction, and competence. We want to raise confidence in Scripture comprehension by teaching fundamental exegesis and biblical theology skills. And we want all our teachers to feel supported and cared for, as if they weren't just a resource but a team member.



We have a lot to do, but God never gives us the task without also giving us the provisions.

To the praise of his glory, Amen.



# YOUTH MINISTRY

What a year it has been in the Youth Ministry of CCC! It has been a full and very blessed year where we've seen the youth learning the Bible together and growing in their relationships with God and one another.

## Sunday Youth

With the combining of English Services at 10:45am, there was a need to begin two new youth ministries to support parents on Sunday mornings. One at 9am for years 7-12 and another at 10:45am for years 7-8.

With a bunch of dedicated leaders and assistants, we were able to lead the youth through some great study series including Alpha Youth, a Bible overview and the book of James. These small group studies provided many opportunities for the youth to explore their faith personally and help them begin to explore their own faith in Jesus. Many good discussions were had and it was encouraging to see the youth retaining some great foundational knowledge that will help them in their discipleship in the years ahead.

It has been a challenge to resource the Sunday Youth ministry, but I want to really thank the hard working leaders and assistants. They have faithfully prepared studies and have ably led the youth throughout the year and it's great to see the youth growing in their faith together.



# Foundation Youth

Foundation Youth (FY) on Friday nights is the flagship youth ministry of CCC, where all of the youth of CCC come together as a community. It is a vital and important part of the faith journey for youth to have a community of critical mass where they grow up together and explore their faith and it's been encouraging to see FY developing.

Last year was a difficult year for FY with all the lockdowns but it was capped off with a youth retreat that proved to be vital for building the youth community. Many existing friendships deepened at the retreat and many new friendships were formed. These friendships continued into 2022 and collectively this created a positive momentum to build upon. By God's grace and the hard-working FY leaders, we are seeing our BBB's (Believe Belong Branch) vision being fulfilled in increasing measure.

We are often seeing new faces at FY as a result of youth inviting their friends to our Engage and Evangelism events and many of these friends are now part of the FY community and beginning their own faith journey. Praise God!

This year we started the year with a doctrine series on "Who is God and what is He like?", we've studied some awesome books of the Bible including Romans and Exodus and we finished the year with a very practical series on "Christian Living for Starters". It has been a year filled with great learning and discussions and it's been really encouraging to see many youth really starting to think deeply about their relationship with God and get more serious with their faith!

We ran some super fun events this year including our epic dumpling making night to raise funds for our Houseparty and a great Combined Community Night where over 150 youth came together with us from six other youth groups for fun and games and heard a Gospel talk from one of our former leaders, Justin Zhong. These events were a huge success, but they required a lot of hard work from the leaders in planning and preparing these and other events. Thanks to the leaders for pouring your love into the youth! Also, thanks to everyone who bought our dumplings! We sold out and many new friends were able to come to FY Houseparty for free! Your partnership was a great encouragement to all of us! Thanks!



The FY year was capped off with a Houseparty and it was great to bring the whole youth community together on a weekend of learning and fun. It was so encouraging to see all the friendships that had been forming all year and coming together and bonding so well. We had an ex-FY leader, Evan Oei, as our guest speaker who gave three excellent talks from the book of Habakkuk. We had some great discussions in our study groups, and we ran some seminars that were really relevant for our youth - including one on image, another on wealth and success, one on predestination and another on two ways to live. We had a lot of fun and played some pretty messy games!

## Wrap up

Thanks to all leaders for your hard work and love throughout the year. A big shoutout to Jessie and Hans who spent many hours preparing and organising Houseparty. To Sarah and Zenith for the massive effort coordinating the Community night and Anita Chan for all her planning and preparation for Sunday Youth!

To all the Youth, thanks for a great year together. Remember we worship an awesome God. Greater than we ever imagined! Eternal and unique, our creator and redeemer. Full of love and grace, all poured out for us through His Son on the cross!

**BY GOD'S GRACE LET'S ALL KEEP GROWING.**



# 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.

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## REGULAR BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

## WHAT HAPPENED IN 2022

After some difficult months with COVID, the women started meeting up again in person through the year to study God's word together.

### Women's Bible Study Group

The group continued to meet on Zoom throughout the year in 2022 which began with an informative and encouraging sharing time from missionaries Denise Dickson (visiting from Thailand) and Carolynn Webb (visiting from Spain). Numbers fluctuated between 18 and 11 owing to health concerns, travel and other issues, but there have been some new attendees as well. We are grateful to our Zoom host for her dedication and commitment each week in allowing the group to continue in virtual fellowship together.

The study on Psalms: Prayers of the Heart, by Eugene Peterson shows how to pray through our concerns while the book of James focuses on the practical life of faith.

The fellowship completed the year with a physical social gathering. We thank God for His continuing grace in this group, especially during the past three years and pray that each member will be blessed as we learn from God's Word together and grow in Christ-likeness.

May He have the glory.





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## MOTHERS' GROUP

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.



**Burwood Mothers' Group**

This group had a regular attendance of four mums of older youth meeting weekly to study the Bible together. We were challenged to understand why Jesus came to earth through studying the book of Luke, and were encouraged to trust God more through some studies on Psalms.

Zoom helped to include one mum who had to go back to full time work, but was able to study God's Word with us through her lunch break.

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



**Young Mothers' Wednesday Group**

Our Wednesday Mothers' group has been meeting fortnightly with an average of three mums and one child attending. This year we studied the book of 1 Timothy. We have been encouraged to pray for our leaders and consider how we can be Christ-like in our daily lives - in love, compassion, humility, obedience and faithfulness.

As all our children will be attending school in 2023 and we are involved in other fellowship groups, our group decided to wrap up at the end of 2022. We thank God that we have been able to support and encourage one another through the challenges of the early years of motherhood, as well as during the pandemic. It has been such a blessing to be able to read God's word and pray together over the years. Please pray that we continue to thirst for God's Word and to keep growing in godliness, as we seek to be godly wives and raise our children to trust in Jesus.

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## 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

The Equip Women's Conference was held in June. The theme for the conference was "The City of Tears" covering the book of Lamentations. We were guided through Old Testament history to help us understand the book of Lamentations in context and we were challenged to understand God's character in the midst of suffering better.

### OneLove Women's Conference

It was a blessing to finally be able to attend the OneLove Women's Conference in person. The theme was "Running on Empty" and it challenged us to be refuelled on God's Word and to keep trusting in Him through all things.

### New Young Mothers' Group

Over the last couple of months of the year, a new mothers' group has begun meeting at Epping once a week for a group of about six new mums. Please pray for this group as they establish themselves in 2023.





**"In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed."**

**1 PETER 1.6-7**



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# LITTLE THINGS VS BIG THINGS

Rev. Jeff Wang

**THERE ARE MANY SMALL AND BIG THINGS IN OUR LIFE, IT IS THE SAME WITH OUR FAITH, WHICH CAN BE DIVIDED INTO SMALL THINGS AND BIG THINGS.**

Isaiah 49:6 says “he says: ‘It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.’”

The big thing here means, 'to be a light to the Gentiles'. Isaiah 49:1-13 is the second servant song in the Book of Isaiah, which is an important prophecy about the Messiah. There are some special descriptions in the Scriptures, for instance, 49:2 ‘He made my mouth like a sharpened sword ... he made me into a polished arrow’, 49:6 ‘I will also make you a light for the Gentiles’, 49:8 ‘I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people’ etc, only Jesus Christ, the Messiah, fulfilled these descriptions and works. New Testament writers such as Luke (Acts 13:47), Paul (2 Corinthians 6:2) and John (Revelation 7:16-17) also quoted directly from these verses.

The Mission of the Servant Messiah firstly, is to 'restore the tribes of Jacob' (49:6), but also to be 'a light to the Gentiles' (49:6). Jesus himself also said so in John 10:16, “I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also”. The Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) that Jesus instructed his disciples to undertake also speaks to us today.

Brothers and sisters, what is our response? How should we respond?

May God always remind and move us: what are the big things in our life?

# A BROTHER WHO SINS AGAINST YOU (MATTHEW 18:15-17)

Rev. Chris Chua



If your brother or sister in the Lord sins against you in word or deed, what would you do? Would you:

- Not take it to heart.
- Not make it a big deal.
- Be forbearing and forgiving because our Lord Jesus tells us to forgive 77 times.
- Leave the church and carry the resentment with you.

Jesus teaches us, “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.” (Matthew 18:15)



**Go and tell him his fault and how he has sinned against you. Do not wait. Do not procrastinate. Find an opportunity.**



**Meet with him alone because the issue is between the two of you. Involving a third party may complicate the matter. The brother may feel uncomfortable.**



**Point out his fault. However, allow possibilities for misunderstanding due to miscommunication.**



**If he listens to you, you have gained a brother. He is still your brother in Christ, not your opponent or enemy. You do not go to rebuke him. Your ulterior motive is to gain a brother and win him for Christ.**

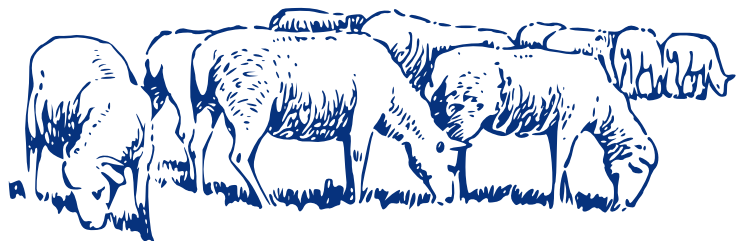
“But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector” (Matthew 18:16-17).

1. The brother may not listen to you. He may say it is your words against his. Take one or two witnesses along with you. According to the Scripture, “Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established” (Deuteronomy 19:15).

2. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, most likely during the usual gathering of the Christians, rather than convene a special meeting. It is to give him another opportunity to admit his fault and ask for forgiveness.

3. If he refuses to listen to them, each member of the church is to treat him as a Gentile and tax collector, not to socialise with him (Matthew 18:17). There is no mention of removing him from the church. The Lord Jesus has not completely rejected him, he is merciful. When the Pharisees questioned Jesus for having meal with tax collectors and sinners, he replied to them “for I came not to call the righteous, but sinners” (Matthew 9:13). One of Jesus’ disciples, Matthew, is a tax collector.

Jesus is not setting up rules, procedure or policy for the church, nor how to deal with a brother who sins against you. He is teaching us how to win a brother who has sinned against you. It is enlightening that the teaching comes after Jesus’ parable of the lost sheep (Matthew 18:10-14). The owner of 100 sheep left the 99 to look for the one sheep that wandered off. When he found it, he was so happy. Jesus says, “so it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish” (Matthew 18:14). The brother who sins is that one sheep who wandered off.



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IN THE CHURCH, AS MUCH AS WE TRY TO LOVE GOD AND LOVE EACH OTHER, THERE WILL BE TIMES WHEN WE SIN AGAINST ONE ANOTHER. WE ARE TO DEAL WITH IT PASTORALLY WITH THE PURPOSE OF WINNING THE PERSON WHO SINS FOR CHRIST. THE PASTORS, ELDERS AND DEACONS SHOULD LEAD AND GUIDE THE MEMBERS. IN THE END IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH.

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# BAPTISM IN 2022

**CANTONESE**  
**6**

**ENGLISH**  
**7**  
**+ ENGLISH INFANT**  
**BAPTISM**  
**1**

A church united in baptism - photos from Cantonese, Mandarin and English congregations





**MANDARIN**

**8**

**REDEEMER**

**2**

**+ ENGLISH INFANT  
DEDICATION**

**12**



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"Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls."

1 PETER 1.8-9



# CHURCH OFFICE

**WE THANK GOD FOR A YEAR OF BLESSINGS AND PROVISIONS!**



2022 was a year that the COVID rules were relaxed and then gradually phased out. We started to learn how to live with COVID and resumed in person services and meetings.

The Church Office provided the support for the transition to the new norm.

In 2022, the following minor maintenance works were completed:

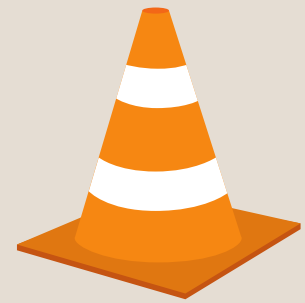
- Replaced non-compliant downpipes of the main church.
- Replaced carpet in the music room and vestry.
- Replaced the defective camera in the main church.
- Replaced the damaged TV in the main church.
- Converted the chapel into a multi-functional room.
- Converted the counting room to a ministers' office.
- Converted the church office to a Sunday School room.

In March, we commissioned a second office at Epping. It provided an additional place for the Pastoral Team to meet regularly. The Epping Office was gradually opened for access by growth groups, mothers' groups and various ministries groups.

The CCC leadership team decided to convert the chapel into a multi-functional room with a more flexible seating configuration. In May, CCC donated its pews in the chapel to Christian Agape Church, a young church located at Grose Vale. We were pleased to know that the pews continued to serve in a house of the Lord.

In August, church email accounts were migrated from Google to Microsoft. Church employees started transitioning to work on the Microsoft platform.





During 2022, Christina continued to work in the finance administrator role to provide support for the Church Treasurer in managing the finances of CCC. As the church resumed much of its normal ministry activities, emerging from COVID restrictions and lockdowns, the financial activity of CCC likewise increased. Our new Tithe.ly Church App provided another avenue for giving to the church and we purchased an EFTPOS terminal to allow credit card payments for events, merchandise and food, such as church lunch.

CCC was blessed with financial resources being used to improve the facilities of the church, support missionaries and allow the various events which brought people together to learn and grow in Christ and outreach to others.

Particularly, giving graphs were introduced to the church announcements during the year to help our members understand the financial needs of CCC, and regular financial reporting continued to help monitor how the church is progressing. Changes to our accounting system were made to accommodate the consolidation of the English congregation and the re-purposing of the 1C2L Fund.

The ongoing work of the church is supported by faithful and generous giving from CCC members, and we give praise to our Lord for this.

We thank Ivy Yee, Ron Huang and Russell Loon for their ongoing dedication and hard work behind the scenes to support the church. We welcome Michael Zhang who came on board to help upkeep the premises for our Lord.

We thank God for His guidance and provisions throughout the year.

We look forward to continuing serving Him in 2023!

Your servants in Christ,  
The Church Office team



**Preparing pews to be moved**



**Pews at their new home**

# MAINTENANCE TEAM

There are always plenty of things requiring fixing, cleaning or replacing on our church site. A special thank you to Ron of the English congregation who tirelessly maintains the gardens, repairs the outdoor seats and fixtures, sweeps the courtyard early every Sunday morning and takes out the rubbish bins each week. Also a big thank you to Russell on the maintenance of the buildings. His extensive experience in the building industry has provided much wisdom in the maintenance of the church. Rain water leaks on the site have been minimised through his knowledge of the roofing industry. Michael of the Mandarin congregation has also helped a lot in repairing fixtures around the church. We also appreciate Frankie's help in looking after contractors onsite and following up on quotations.



There have also been many challenges, of which the most is engaging contractors, not even to do the jobs but just for quotations. All trades in the building industry seem to be fully utilised. Despite this, we have managed to contract companies to do some of the more major repairs such as:

- Replaced the PVC downpipes on the southern side of the church with copper downpipes. Not many people would notice this, but it was a requirement by Council due to the heritage nature of the church.
- Repaired loose, missing and cracked tiles of the church slate roof which eliminated many of the church rain water leaks.
- Sealed the tilt window at the back of the church to prevent water dripping onto the wall-mounted screen.
- Repair concealed box gutter and connection to downpipe at the southern entrance to the church. Work has not started yet but an order has been placed with a contractor. This will stop the leaks into the nave.
- Replace roof above music room. Again work has not started, but a contractor has been engaged to do the work.
- Replacement of hall windows on the western side with louvre windows to maximise ventilation on both rainy and fine days. We give thanks that no incidents have occurred with the old sliding windows. The bottom aluminium runners on all the western side windows were loose and leaning out due to deterioration of the wooden frame. Bottom runners were only held in place by the vertical sections of the frame which themselves were beginning to deform due to the weight of the windows.

Looking forward, we have the assistance of a team of architects consisting of Jisuk, Alex and Sam of the English congregation to develop a functional specification for the church site. This includes improving street access to the site with disability access to the courtyard, hall, chapel and church. Other items to be reviewed are the functionality of the hall and requirements for bathrooms! Phil and Ivy have consulted with the different ministry groups who use the hall and the data will assist in compiling the functional specifications.

We thank God for providing a site where we can worship, fellowship, build-up and encourage one another in Christ. It is a beautiful site and close to public transport, shops and eateries. Parking can be a little difficult, but is only a minor concern if we consider the difficulties our overseas brothers and sisters endure to worship together. We are excited to see how God will provide for the maintenance and development of the church in the coming year.



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ON ROOF



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"In your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander."

1 PETER 3.15-16





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# COMMUNITY MINISTRY

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The purpose of CCC's establishment of Community Ministry is to cultivate community life. Based on the love of Jesus, this ministry serves to bless the CCC community and the general community. Thank God for leading the Community Ministry this year. Our ministry includes English classes (ESL), Senior citizens group, and Line dancing ministry. After the pandemic, this year was not only full of challenges, but also full of joy and gratitude at the same time.

God uses this ministry to give our brothers and sisters from different congregations an opportunity to serve with one heart. This year, more new friends came to the church through the community ministry, and there were more opportunities to spread the gospel and share God's love. The zealous service of the brothers and sisters inspired me, and I am very grateful to all the staff and volunteers for their faithful service and dedication throughout the year. Glory be to God!

Now to him who can do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

## SENIOR CITIZENS 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**

The Senior Citizens' Group serves the elderly. Thank you, Lord! Since the pandemic, we resumed in-person gatherings in March on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. We arranged different programs for each gathering. The Crows Nest Community Centre is our partner, assisting in the operation of the fellowship and providing various support. We arranged health talks, made mooncakes and dumplings during the Mid-Autumn Festival, took a day trip by bus, and had birthday parties every two months. During Easter and Christmas, we invited CCC pastors to share the Word of God, hoping that through the message of the gospel, more new friends who did not believe in the Lord could know Jesus and trust in Him.

Thank the Lord for the rich preparations for us. We are grateful that we had brothers and sisters from different congregations who prepared delicious lunch and tea for all of our gatherings so that the elders had a wonderful gathering. May God continue to lead us in the new year to be a good witness to God.



## English as a Second Language (ESL)

Our ESL class remains online for advanced students only.

There is now only one student in Australia, with others continuing to join the class from Japan and China. We discussed news items as part of the lessons and by God's grace had the opportunity to also look at the bible together in relation to the news items. We recently read together an article about weddings and so read the story of Jacob and his wedding to Leah. We were able to explain how this story fits into the bible narrative and have now started an overview of the bible including the story of Abraham and God's promise to bless all nations through him.

Praise God that the students seem receptive to learning more about God and to reading the bible. Continue to pray that they may come to a saving faith as they gain a better understanding of God's love and mercy and his salvation plan for the world.

## Line Dancing ministry

After a long two-year interruption, we finally resumed our Line Dancing classes from 9 March 2022. In 2022, we held two classes every Wednesday morning with about 30 to 35 ladies combined.

We thank God for giving us this opportunity to have connection with ladies outside of CCC Milsons Point, and for giving us an opportunity to exercise together. Half of our members are non-Christians, the other half are Christians from different churches (including CCC Milsons Point).

Our last session and end of year Christmas social was on the 22 December with 32 attendees. We pray that God will continue to give us the opportunity, gentleness and boldness to share our Christ-centered life with the ladies in our class.

**Kathy Chua**

# MISSION COMMITTEE

## Committee Members

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<b>Chair</b>	<b>Swee Yeo</b> (English)
<b>Pastoral Team Rep</b>	<b>Rev. Jeff Wang</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Esther Lee</b> (English) <b>Alex Yuen</b> (English)
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Jason Foo</b> (English)
<b>Prayer Facilitator</b>	<b>Carolyn Yee</b> (English)
<b>Promotions</b>	<b>Enyi Lin</b> (Mandarin)

*The Church, wherever it is, is not only Christ's witness to its own people and nation, but also the home-base for a mission to the ends of the earth.*  
~*Lesslie Newbigin*~

The above quote summarises the vital role of the church not only in local missions, but also in global cross-cultural missions. Jesus himself gave his disciples the mission to preach the message of salvation throughout the world, "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" (Matthew 24:14). This is our mission too.

We thank God that through his faithful provision, we at CCC have been able to partner with eight missionary families serving in Australia and various parts of the world.

## 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	Navigators	Mongolia
James &Carolynn Webb, Toby & Gabriel	ECM	Spain
Mike & Joyce Lee, Olive & Jonathan		Australia
Phil & Miriam Snelling, Denali & Noemi	FOCUS	Macquarie Uni, Australia
L & L		Africa

### Some main events in 2022:

- Monthly mission updates from our missionaries (either in person or on Zoom) at our English, Mandarin and Cantonese services. We also heard from Frank Zheng, a theological student CCC supported, and from Compassion Australia. Each sharing was an encouragement and a reminder to continue praying for and supporting the cross-cultural ministries.
- CCC members attended the OMF and ReachOut mission conferences.
- Christmas cards for our missionaries signed by CCC members, and a small love gift. These were very much appreciated by our missionaries.

## Brief updates on our missionaries:

2022 has been a year of great challenges, but also immense blessings for our missionaries. Your prayers have sustained and enabled them to continue serving with joy and perseverance. For more details, read our Mission Newsletters <http://tiny.cc/MissionNews> or subscribe and receive a copy directly to your mailbox by using this link <http://tiny.cc/MissionPrayers>

## AFRICA

### L and L

They continue to learn the language and build friendships in their local community. Thank God for different opportunities to serve the university. L is teaching medical students at the university and L is teaching nutrition to medical students and training lecturers on course designs, assessments and teaching techniques.



## EUROPE

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

After four years of praying and planning, James and Carolynn, and their co-workers, the Aldanas have finally received approval to open a guesthouse in Las Encartaciones in Basque Country, Spain. They are now able to start raising financial support to purchase a property for The Casa Camino Antiguo (Ancient Way House) project. The aim of this project is to share Jesus with pilgrims along the Camino.



## THAILAND

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

Thank God for the continual growth of the Arun Nakhon Gospel Community, and the joy and encouragement they receive from one another. Praise God that James and Mimi could spend Christmas 2022 in Thailand, the first time the whole family could be together.



The Dicksons

## EAST ASIA/SINGAPORE

**H and S, with J, E, M and C**

H has started a new role as the Deputy National Director of their mission organisation in Singapore. Praise God that there is an increasing number of workers from non-traditional missionary-sending countries in Asia, Africa and South America.



## EAST ASIA

**J and B, with C and L**

J and B continue to witness for Jesus through their business, training events and wellbeing programs. J is also building relationships in the sporting community. The family experienced two months of lockdown, three weeks of hospital isolation and a massive COVID wave in their city.

## MONGOLIA

**Conrad and Chloe Shiao, with Lucas and Daniel**

Conrad and Chloe continue to minister amongst university students in Mongolia and have been officially appointed to their new missions organisation, the Navigators. They are currently on sabbatical.



Conrad and Chloe



# AUSTRALIA

## Mike and Joyce, with Olive and Jonathan

After their difficult transition back to Sydney, they have settled in well and are able to support both sets of parents with significant health issues. Mike continues to work in the OMF office supporting Christian workers being sent to Asia. Joyce is now working part-time at a Chinese Christian primary school, and as such she is no longer a member of OMF but continues to be involved as a volunteer.



The Lees



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

Phil leads the staff team and ministries at FOCUS, and recently also managed the Christian Union at Macquarie University. Praise God for several new students who are actively exploring the Christian faith for themselves. The team has restarted the FOCUS English Conversation Classes, with many new students arriving, using Bible stories as part of the lessons.

The Snellings



**"Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God."**

**1 Peter 4.1-2**

# FINANCIAL REVIEW

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REVIEW

**CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH SYDNEY**  
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**GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

Your directors submit the financial report of the company for the year ended 31 December, 2022.

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

Sammy Liu (Chairman)  
Edwin Choi (Vice Chairman)  
Jeremy Tham (Secretary)  
Frank Lee (Treasurer)

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; the spiritual growth of its members through worship, Christian service and 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, by helping them in their walk with God, through 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 has continued to significantly disrupt the way CCC has operated. We give thanks that in-person services and events have been possible this year, however we have many members yet to return to Milsons Point. Despite ongoing uncertainties, the overall weekly attendance (including face-to-face and online attendance) and regular offertory has been stable. We pray that in 2023 everyone will come back to in-person church services.

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.

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The company recorded a net income of \$271,468 (2021 \$143,403 loss) for the year, which includes a net surplus arising from the building funds of \$246,539 (2021 \$237,078).

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	12	12
Edwin Choi	12	10
Jeremy Tham	12	12
Frank Lee	8	8

In the May 2022 AGM Frank Lee was appointed as a director and took on the office of church treasurer.

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:



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Sammy Liu  
Chairman

Dated: 8 February 2023

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**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
General Fund offerings and donations	1,197,169	1,083,654
Mission Fund offerings and donations	173,242	144,252
Building Fund offerings and donations	196,263	206,525
<b>Total revenue from ordinary activities</b>	<b>1,566,674</b>	<b>1,434,431</b>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Government support	0	92,560
Interest received	98,885	60,728
Other income	27,164	13,718
<b>Total other income</b>	<b>126,049</b>	<b>167,006</b>
<b>Total revenue from ordinary activities and other income</b>	<b>1,692,723</b>	<b>1,601,437</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
General Fund expenses	(1,198,615)	(1,559,319)
Mission Fund expenses	(200,893)	(172,350)
Building Fund expenses	(21,747)	(13,171)
<b>Total expenses from ordinary activities</b>	<b>(1,421,255)</b>	<b>(1,744,840)</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the year</b>	<b>271,468</b>	<b>(143,403)</b>

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

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
 AS AT 31 DECEMBER, 2022**

		2022	2021
		\$	\$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	7,040,578	6,727,058
Receivables	2	99,998	29,598
Prepayments		23,754	0
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>7,164,330</b>	<b>6,756,656</b>
<b>Non Current Assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	3	196,104	196,104
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>		<b>196,104</b>	<b>196,104</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>7,360,434</b>	<b>6,952,760</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Payables	4	189,448	95,019
Provisions	5	207,198	230,129
Deferred income		0	10,032
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>396,646</b>	<b>335,180</b>
<b>Non Current Liabilities</b>			
Provisions	5	129,824	55,084
<b>Total Non Current Liabilities</b>		<b>129,824</b>	<b>55,084</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>526,470</b>	<b>390,264</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>6,833,964</b>	<b>6,562,496</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Contributed equity	6	0	0
Reserves	7	6,833,964	6,562,496
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>6,833,964</b>	<b>6,562,496</b>

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



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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2022**

		2022	2021
		\$	\$
<b>Movement in Reserves</b>			
<b>General Fund</b>			
Surplus / (Loss) for the year		(5,951)	(407,738)
Accumulated funds at 1 January 2022		953,444	1,361,182
<b>General Fund accumulated funds at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>947,493</b>	<b>953,444</b>
<b>Care Committee Fund</b>			
Surplus for the year		0	0
Accumulated funds at 1 January 2022		46,090	46,090
<b>Care Committee Fund accumulated funds at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>46,090</b>	<b>46,090</b>
<b>Mission Fund</b>			
Surplus for the year		30,880	27,257
Accumulated funds at 1 January 2022		677,883	650,626
<b>Mission Fund accumulated funds at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>708,763</b>	<b>677,883</b>
<b>School Building Fund</b>			
Surplus for the year		191,161	202,009
Accumulated funds at 1 January 2022		1,244,907	1,042,898
<b>School Building Fund accumulated funds at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1,436,068</b>	<b>1,244,907</b>
<b>Future Development Fund          (formerly One Church Two Locations Building Fund)</b>			
Surplus for the year		55,378	35,069
Accumulated funds at 1 January 2022		3,640,172	3,605,103
<b>Future Development Fund accumulated funds at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3,695,550</b>	<b>3,640,172</b>
<b>Total Accumulated Funds at 31 December 2022</b>		<b>6,833,964</b>	<b>6,562,496</b>

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

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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
General Fund offerings and donations	1,201,466	1,083,319
Mission Fund offerings and donations	173,242	144,252
Building Fund offerings and donations	196,263	206,525
Government support received	0	116,410
Interest received	19,761	60,728
Other income received	27,164	12,656
General Fund expenses	(1,081,736)	(1,527,632)
Mission Fund expenses	(200,893)	(172,350)
Building Fund expenses	(21,747)	(13,171)
<b>Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>(89,263)</b>
<b>Change in Cash Held</b>		
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	6,727,058	6,816,321
Cash at the end of the financial year	9	7,040,578
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash held</b>	<b>313,520</b>	<b>(89,263)</b>

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

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS  
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**1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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**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.

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

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**(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 annually 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 which in their opinion, 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.

**(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.

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

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**(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.

**(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 the payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis as permitted by AASB 16.

**(l) Recognition of Investment Income**

Investment income comprises interest arising from bank deposits. The company has recognised interest income on an accruals basis for this reporting period. In prior financial years interest income was accounted for on a cash basis.

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

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**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 2022 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.



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**S R Coffey**  
**Director**

**BC Advisory & Accountancy Services Pty Ltd**  
Chartered Accountants

8 February 2023

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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2022**

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b>2. RECEIVABLES</b>		
Franking Credits Receivable	13,352	17,649
GST Receivable	7,523	11,949
Interest Receivable	79,123	0
<b>Total receivables</b>	<b>99,998</b>	<b>29,598</b>
<b>3. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>		
100 Alfred St, Milsons Point at cost	196,104	196,104
<b>Total property, plant and equipment</b>	<b>196,104</b>	<b>196,104</b>
<b>4. PAYABLES</b>		
Amounts Held in Trust		
- Cantonese Ministry	8,717	0
- Chatswood Ministry	85,788	837
- English Ministry	6,823	0
- ESL Ministry	1,296	1,296
- Families Ministry	338	454
- Foundation Youth	2,455	1,077
- Lunch Committee	1,041	14,000
- Senior Citizens' Ministry	65,000	60,000
Total Amounts Held in Trust	171,458	77,664
Sundry Creditors	17,990	17,355
<b>Total payables</b>	<b>189,448</b>	<b>95,019</b>
<b>5. PROVISIONS</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Provision for Annual Leave	128,660	142,209
Provision for Long Service Leave	78,538	87,920
<b>Total provisions (current)</b>	<b>207,198</b>	<b>230,129</b>
<b>Non Current</b>		
Provision for Building Repairs	64,744	0
Provision for Church Planting	65,080	55,084
<b>Total provisions (non current)</b>	<b>129,824</b>	<b>55,084</b>

The Provision for Building Repairs closing balance of \$77,805 in 2021 was applied against building repairs and maintenance expenses during that year.

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**6. CONTRIBUTED EQUITY**

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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.

**7. RESERVES**

General Fund	947,493	953,444
Care Committee Fund	46,090	46,090
Mission Fund	708,763	677,883
School Building Fund	1,436,068	1,244,907
Future Development Fund	3,695,550	3,640,172
<b>Total reserves</b>	<b>6,833,964</b>	<b>6,562,496</b>

**8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

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

Sammy Liu (Chairman)  
Edwin Choi (Vice Chairman)  
Jeremy Tham (Secretary)  
Frank Lee (Treasurer)

Directors received no remuneration from the company.



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	2022	2021
	\$	\$

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**9. NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

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**Reconciliation of Cash**

Cash assets at the end of financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows are reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:

**Cash assets**

- Cash on hand	2,959	1,320
- General Fund main account	236,675	392,786
- General Fund operating account	61,663	875
- School Building Fund main account	81,046	4,783
- Term deposits	6,658,235	6,327,294

<b>Total cash assets</b>	<b>7,040,578</b>	<b>6,727,058</b>
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**Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to operating surplus / (loss) for the year**

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Operating surplus / (loss) for the year	271,468	(143,404)
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**Net cash flows in operating surplus:**

**Changes in Assets & Liabilities**

(Increase)/decrease in receivables	(70,400)	25,147
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments	(23,754)	12,280
Increase/(decrease) in payables	94,429	(44,539)
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	51,809	61,254
Increase/(decrease) in deferred income	(10,032)	0

<b>Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>313,520</b>	<b>(89,263)</b>
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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2022**

**10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

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**(a) Interest Rate Risk**

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

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

	Weighted Average Interest Rate		Floating Interest		Fixed Interest Rate Maturing within 1 Year	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Financial assets	%	%	\$	\$	\$	\$
Deposits at call	0.17	0.01	382,343	399,764	0	0
Fixed interest	1.48	0.61	0	0	6,658,235	6,327,294
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>			<b>382,343</b>	<b>399,764</b>	<b>6,658,235</b>	<b>6,327,294</b>

**(b) Credit Risk**

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

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

**(c) Net Fair Values**

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

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

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**DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

The directors of the company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 3 to 14 are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) Act 2012 and:
  - 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 2022 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.



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Sammy Liu  
Director (Chairman)

Dated: 8 February 2023

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**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 2022. The financial report includes the financial statements comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022, 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 2022 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.

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### **Director responsibility for the financial report**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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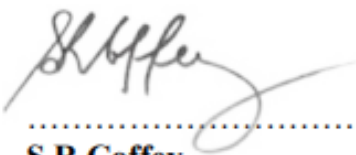
However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.

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

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

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

**BC Advisory & Accountancy Services Pty Ltd**  
Chartered Accountants



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**S R Coffey**  
**Director**

8 February 2023

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**DETAILED REVENUE AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2022**

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b>General Fund</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Offerings and donations	1,197,169	1,083,654
Government support	0	92,560
Interest received	18,335	11,653
Other income	27,164	13,718
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,242,668</b>	<b>1,201,585</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
<b>Operating expenses</b>		
Ministers' stipends and expenses	(674,824)	(704,599)
Building maintenance and related expenses	(137,853)	(572,020)
Office staff wages and expenses	(104,362)	(161,595)
Administration expenses	(107,745)	(49,504)
Ministry expenses	(75,679)	(67,571)
Audit fees	(3,850)	(4,030)
<b>Total Operating expenses</b>	<b>(1,104,313)</b>	<b>(1,559,319)</b>
Donation to Mission Fund	(50,004)	(50,004)
Ministry Funds Transfer	(94,302)	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(1,248,619)</b>	<b>(1,609,323)</b>
<b>General Fund surplus / (loss) for the year</b>	<b>(5,951)</b>	<b>(407,738)</b>
<b>Mission Fund</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Offerings and donations	173,242	144,252
Donation from General Fund	50,004	50,004
Interest received	8,527	5,351
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>231,773</b>	<b>199,607</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Mission Fund expenses	(200,893)	(172,350)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(200,893)</b>	<b>(172,350)</b>
<b>Mission Fund surplus for the year</b>	<b>30,880</b>	<b>27,257</b>

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**DETAILED REVENUE AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2022**

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
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<b>Building Fund</b>		
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<b>Income</b>		
School Building Fund offerings and donations	196,263	206,525
Interest received	72,023	43,724
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>268,286</b>	<b>250,249</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
School Building Fund expenses	(21,747)	(13,171)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(21,747)</b>	<b>(13,171)</b>
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<b>Building Fund surplus for the year</b>	<b>246,539</b>	<b>237,078</b>
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<b>Total Surplus / (Loss) for the Year</b>	<b>271,468</b>	<b>(143,403)</b>
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"The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins."

1 PETER 4.7-8







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