

2017 Annual Report

CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF OTTAWA

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Co-chair	Wilson Hui
Secretary	Lapkin Ip
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English Ministry	John Chan/Pastor Jin Chong
Mandarin Ministry	Pastor Gary Tse
Children & Youth Ministry	Oscar Cheung
Renewal Church	Pastor Josh Wang Oscar Cheung
Portfolio of Deacons Board	Member
Chair	Wilson Hui
Treasurer	Paul Leung
Property	Baohua Zhang
Personnel	Linda Ma
Communication	Charles Ma

Elders Board appointed workers:

Student Ministry Worker: Jethro Cheung

Missions & Community Ministry Coordinator: Patrick Ma

Membership Coordinator: Arvin Chung

Coordinator for Receivable: Iris Lau

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Projects Planning & Budgeting: Charles Ma

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Representative on Renewal Church: Oscar Cheung, Eddie Yan.

Thank You

Firstly, we thank God for the guidance in the past few years of unusual time in our church. During this period, we have seen the leaving and coming of pastors for each of the three congregations. For a certain time, two congregations were simultaneously without a pastor, giving us moments of crisis. Recognizing we are a non-denominational church in a cold city, we were concerned that there might be difficulties to fill the vacant positions. However, our Lord's name is Jehovah-Jireh. Not only did He help us fill the positions, but He also provided us with a full team of strong and faithful servants of God. The latest one, Pastor Jin Chong, arrived in March this year. He has now well integrated into the English congregation and is immersed in furthering the ministry of our whole church. The net result is that God has now equipped us with the strongest ministerial staff in the entire history of our church.

In addition, God has led us to calling pastoral workers to enhance ministry. In the fall of 2015, Brother Jethro Cheung started the ministry among the English speaking youths and university students. This year, his ministry is extended for three more years. Indeed along the same vein, we have decided to call a pastoral worker for the Mandarin speaking young adults. This is in response to the phenomenal increase of Mandarin young adults coming to Ottawa to study. The Mandarin congregation started to minister to this group in 2013 but the work has now reached a point needing a full time worker.

Secondly, we like to thank brothers and sisters for their support and trust of our Board. When there are needs in the church, such as in forming various core groups, funding for new staff, pastoral search, managing church properties, short term missions, Vacation Bible School, daily operation in various ministries, and the like, brothers and sisters always rose to the occasion, particularly in the absence of a pastor. Recently, planting Renewal Church is a new and risky event our church has ever undertaken. Some brothers and sisters had concerns in the beginning on whether or not this was a viable undertaking. Yet they trusted that the church leaders were following God's guidance. Hence they united their hearts to provide prayer support, financial resource, and human resource at sacrificial level. Renewal Church is now standing steadfastly. This year we saw the first crop of their fruits with the baptismal service held in our church. Indeed we can learn from their resolve in leading a missional life in the church and in their daily life.

Lastly, I like to thank the Elders and the Deacons, as I am leaving the Elders Board in accordance with our church rules after serving 6 consecutive years. Five years ago, when the senior pastor and another pastor left us, you recognized the grave situation facing our church and bravely accepted to serve in the Boards, clearly knowing that decision would demand strenuous efforts and sacrifice. When serving together, we felt the prevalence of humility, unity and determination to glorify God. I am utterly grateful to working with this dedicated group of folks.

In response to thanking God, let us become His disciples and engage in the furtherance of His kingdom.

In 2017, the Elders Board have adopted that Disciples Making is the highest priority ministry in CCCO. We also adopted a Mission Statement “Be a disciple making church” for CCCO. The Discipleship Ministry(DM) Committee had worked together to come up a definition of disciple for CCCO. A disciple is one who learns to be more like Christ, lives under His lordship, and leads others to become His disciples.

We also describe the progression of a disciple with 3 stages and provide some attribute / characteristics of a disciple at each of the stage.

Stage I. Come and See (Attraction and Evangelism): The goal is to lead others to receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Stage II. Come Follow Me (Establishing Habits of Practising Basic Spiritual Disciplines): The goal is to learn to be more like Christ and live under His Lordship.

Stage III. Be with Me (Training and Deployment in leading Ministry): The goal is to be trained and lead others to become His disciples.

Over the course of 2017, the DM committee had held meetings with each of the Congregation Core Team (English, Cantonese, Mandarin) to go over the definition of a disciple and each stage of a disciple. We also review the current situation of each congregation in term of disciple making. The feedbacks are that all the congregation core teams and their pastors felt that this is the right thing to do. They are actually doing some of it, but have not been focus enough in developing disciples. Some felt that their ministry is already very busy in many other areas and don't have much time to do additional ministry. Some felt that they want to do it, but do not have the know how to start doing disciples making. Some have already started to see some improvement in the response of their congregation to make disciples a higher priority in their ministry.

Looking ahead in 2018 and beyond, we have requested each of the ministry teams (Cantonese, English, Mandarin, C&Y and Mission) and their core team members to work out some measurable goals and action plan to help their congregation to move toward the mission to make CCCO a disciple making church. Since each congregation composition and their situation are different, they will have to work out the goals and plan that are suitable to them. We are also planning some discipleship training sessions that are geared to each individual congregation.

In addition, we are also planning to have our Elders/Deacons/Core Group members to attend an IDMC (Intentional Disciples Making Conference) conference in Toronto in September 2018. We hope that by attending the same conference, it enlarges our horizon and help us to have some common understanding of what we can do in guiding our church to be a disciple making church.

Developing a culture, like developing characters, it needs time and determination. To do that we need to have a mindset that it is God's desire for us to bring people to Christ and to nurture them to be a Christ like disciples. We will need to have a habit to constantly asking ourselves how we could be more like Christ on a daily basis. Pray that our leaders and congregations will have the determination and persistent spirit to learn to be a disciple of Christ.

Discipleship Ministry Committee: Rev. Francis Wong, Rev. Jin Chong, John Chan, Wilson Hui and Lapkin Ip.

The Sunday service is a key ministry of the Cantonese ministry. It is the most frequent activity with the most people attending. The average attendance in 2017 is 72. Moreover, it also involves many brothers and sisters serving in it. From the three worship teams, A/V personnel, ushers, etc., no few then 30 people are involved in this ministry. Thanks to the careful coordination of brothers Eddie Yan and Arvin Chung. Special acknowledge must be given to Jimmy Lee for his faithful service every week.

The Wednesday Evening Service is for those who have to work on the weekend. The average attendance in 2017 is 28 (the 3rd anniversary celebration service had a record attendance of 50). Of those who attend regularly, two third of them are involved in serving in one way or another. Although the service has been going on for three years and the attendance has been stable, it remains a challenge to reach other non-Christians and to disciple the young believers.

From April to November, the Wednesday morning Bible study and prayer group meets every other week. Anita Yeung is our coordinator. She, Tim Law, Eric Ling and I all share the load of leading Bible study and prayer. The other prayer meeting is held on the first Friday evening of every month. The regular attendants are the Cantonese Core Group members. It is our responsibility to bring the needs of the congregation entrusted to our care before the living God.

There have been some changes in the Sunday school. For a time the senior's class had only one participant beside the teacher. Fortunately, the attendance increase after the summer. On the other hand, a class on New Testament Study which had been going for a number of years finally had to be discontinued. We want to give thanks to the long-time teachers: Tim Law, Wilson Hui and Herbert Yu. Fortunately, there is a Sunday school class under the leadership of Vincent Leung with students highly motivated to dig deeper into God's Word. They have finished studying the Book of Job and are now studying the Book of Romans.

The Joshua Fellowship continues to provide a variety of programs every third Friday evening of the month. One of the memorable programs was a sing-a-long oldies night with high participation from fellowship members and non-believers. Special acknowledgement must be given to Ivy and Leon who have led the fellowship since its inception. Despite Leon's health limitation, he continued to serve tirelessly throughout the years. Praise the Lord for raising up a new chairperson Grace Hui to lead the committee in the new year!

The pulpit and discipleship remain to be the focus of my ministry. At the beginning of the year, I preached a series on discipleship. A number of brothers and sisters have caught the vision. As of now, beside the groups that I am leading, there are three other discipleship groups. With the new emphasis from the leadership of the Elders Board,

may discipleship truly become the DNA of CCCO. To be able to stay in ministry until now is but the mercy of the Lord, the trust of the leaders, the acceptance of brothers and sisters, and the unreserved support from my wife and family. To all of you I sincerely thank you!

A special incident happened in December. On the Gospel Sunday conducted by the singing group the Channels from Toronto, a gentleman showed up at church entrance without anyone from CCCO inviting him. While he was still hesitating, as sister from the English congregation recognized him and invited him to the Cantonese service. There he heard the Gospel preached to him for the first time and he responded to the invitation at the end of the service. At present, he is still coming to the service and attending a follow-up group. May all praise and glory be to the Lord!

Caleb Fellowship -- Rossalind Tsen

We are a group of old and strong Cantonese fellowship who care for each other in their faith and life. From March to December, every second Saturday of each month, Caleb Fellowship gatherings were held at the church basement at 11:00am. The July event was held at the Lord Garden. In August, the fellowship members joined the church picnic. In this, we are extremely grateful to the staff who work together to make this fellowship run smoothly. Special thanks to sister Yan Yan Ho and her Life Group team members who always prepared delicious and healthy meals for us every month. We are also very grateful to Allison Lau for working faithfully in the financial service for the past years. Tony and Iris also help us fervently in our songspiration. May God bless them all faithfully!

2017 activities and thanksgiving matters:

1. Eight indoor gatherings with an average attendance of 45.
2. Two outdoor gatherings: July event in the Lord of Garden; picnic in the of August.
3. Ten invitations to special guest speaker for testimony and sharing. We are very grateful for their sharing.
4. In July, Joseph Lam performed his Tai-Chi with 108 styles through (Psalm 19:1-6). From the Chinese Alliance Church, we have Eric and Cindy shared with us few Cantonese Opera songs, they hope each of us accept Christ as our personal savior and friend, then His love will forever remain and comfort us.
5. Fellowship members gave thanks by offerings and supplied lunches to us all, may God bless those who give willingly.
6. In the end of October, it was agreed by all members of fellowship that:
\$2000 was donated to the recipients of the Theology Fund.
\$1000 to the church general fund
7. Please pray for the brothers and sisters of the fellowship who are residing at retirement homes. May God grant them physical health and peace in their heart.

It has been a good year for the English congregation. I started in March and it has been such a blessing to be serving in all areas of this ministry. The rest of my family moved to Ottawa in July. We are so thankful for everyone welcoming us so warmly.

There have been several areas that I wanted to focus on for this first year.

Praise Team Ministry

My highest priority was to make sure that worship was central to our identity and purpose. It is my prayer that every member sees the importance of worshipping our savior, Jesus. We have many people who serve to make our worship genuine and uplifting. Our chairperson helps organize each service and they have been vital to my transition here at CCCO. Baldwin Toye, Andrea Yu, and Alfred Tsang have all played a critical role in leading our congregation to worship our Lord on Sundays.

The praise team also has a critical role in leading our congregation in our worship. Levia Chan was so important to provide leadership for our praise team. Nick Pybus also played a vital part to lead our praise team each Sunday. We were extremely blessed to have him on staff and blessed by his talents in music. This past year we named Michael Yip as our new praise team coordinator. This past year we have been gathering the praise team for monthly training. The training has helped us to see that our ultimate aim is to bring God glory.

English Ministry Team (Core Team)

The team members are Allison Yu, John & Levia Chan, Michael Yip, and Baldwin & Cecile Toye. They each have specific tasks that help maintain our ministry schedule and activities. For 2018 we have added Brandon Toye, Kathy Law, and Ralph Lee. We hope and pray that adding these individuals will help expose new people into leadership and prepare us to care for each member of the English congregation.

Sunday School

Our time after worship has mostly been a time of sharing and prayer. In the fall we started using the Gospel Shaped Church curriculum. We completed the seven-week session on worship. We are currently studying through the nine-week session on outreach. I hope to continue in the other sections of this curriculum. The other subjects include Christian living, work, and mercy. We have seen good participation and hope that it will continue to gain wider interest and support. The material is also being used to facilitate more dialogue and prayer in the small groups.

University and College Fellowship (UCF)

Jethro Cheung has certainly blessed the ministry of UCF. UCF has regularly been meeting on Saturdays. This past year they have been studying the theme of Christ in the Old Testament. They have also gathered for many social activities. The participation has improved quite a bit from last year. It is definitely a result of the investment that Jethro has been putting into each student and campus.

Open Door

“ To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.” Revelation 3:7-8

Open Door:

Thanks to our Lord that we have increased number in attendance, conversion, baptism, and membership Transfer in 2018. God opened this “Open Door” to bring believers and non believers to join us, and they made CCCO their spiritual home. We have develop deeper relationship with God and men, and we continue to serve in good days and in adversity.

God bought these people to us through 5 ministries:

- 1) Sunday Worship, there were non-believers who come to seek for the truth, and there were Christians from other cities and make CCCO their spiritual home. God provided us more Adult Sunday School teachers, Bible Study leaders to Evangelistic Bible Study, Praise Team leaders, Pianists and Children Sunday School co-workers.
- 2) Senior Sunday School and fellowship, these seniors gather together every Sunday and attracted more peer to come.
- 3) Young Adult fellowship every Friday, the attendance has been stable and new comers continue to come in.
- 4) Gospel Bible Study group every Friday, these people are mostly parents of YF and AWANA.
- 5) Gospel outreach every six week organized by small groups, they have gospel testimony night, life testimony from believers, Science and Christianity Workshop by Dr. David Liang, and Parenting workshops. Through these gathering, we help non-believer learn about the gospel and attract people through different topics.

Opportunity in front of us:

We are thankful to be part of the gospel ministries, the greatest challenge among these ministries is Mandarin Young people ministry. We started Mandarin Young people ministry in Sept 2013, we had 120 people attended, 80+ are in contact in our WeChat group, 35% had attended our group more 3 months, 16 accepted Christ as their saviours, 6 were baptized, 4 of them were baptized at CCCO. Most of the co-workers in this ministry are middle aged, they love, care and share the gospel with these young people like their parents. At the same time, there are thousands of new students coming to Ottawa each year and we believe that we need a full time Mandarin Worker to serve this gospel field. This worker would be able live, talk, and share the gospel with them in

respect to their culture, and more of all to walk with them in the process of maturity in Christ. To share the gospel and do discipleship with these young people is greatly enhance with relationship driven model and so the need of such Mandarin Worker is imminent.

The Mandarin Core Group spent the last 18 months to discuss, pray and wait before the Lord. God began the good work among us from expressing different opinions towards the field to unity in Christ to commit to this vision, to become partner of the gospel (Phil 1:5-6). We finished the proposal to hire a Mandarin Worker to the Elders Board in Sept and such proposal was approved unanimously in October's Elders Board meeting.

This is ministry of the kingdom, and ministry opportunity to the church; we can say No to God out of our limitation or we can respond to this vision with our faith in God. As Mandarin Congregation, we are grateful for the blessings we have received from God and from CCCO church family, now that our number has grown, and I believe that our money offering has grown too. We will continue to encourage brothers and sisters to dedicate ourselves for God's use and invite the whole church to move forward together.

Troubles and Adversities:

Since Oct 2017, we face a lot of troubles and adversities in our personal lives. Brothers and sisters or their immediate family got sick seriously. On one hand, they face the challenges and on the other, they serve faithfully with perseverance weekly in different posts. We believe that the evil one do not want us to share the gospel, but the one inside of us is greater than the evil one. We pray in unity, stay on with perseverance, we lay hand on the sick and pray together during worship. God listens to our prayer, our hearts were comforted with His peace. Some of us were healed, some of us receive extra grace from God with courage to face difficult treatment. These strengths and peace could only come from our Lord, Jesus Christ (John 14:27), " Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day." (2 Cor. 4:16) May God continue to be glorified in our lives.

Thanksgiving:

It is joyful and thankful to serve in the Mandarin Congregation of CCCO. The Core group is faithful, unified, and willing to commit; the small group leaders are bold in caring and connection; the co-workers in Senior Ministry are full of love; Worship Teams are faithful, tender in heart to prepare beautiful worship praise to us every Sunday; the Christian Education committee is faithful, in the final stage to accomplish the 3-year-plan to offer survey courses of the whole Bible. More of all, all the brothers and sisters love the Words of God with an obedient heart, a heart of dependence to the Lord to pray and be watchful all the time; a heart of willingness to preach the Gospel in season and out of season. May God continue to grant us this little strength and unity so we may continue to offer ourselves to see the open door in from of us, to let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

God's love surpasses knowledge and He is able to do more than we can imagine.

We have plenty of reasons to celebrate what God is doing in the lives of Renewal church and the people around us. We celebrated baptisms, many unbelievers heard the gospel and remain in community, we've prayed, God answered, and He continues to transform our hearts. We also want to acknowledge that this would not be possible without the abundant prayer and generous financial support of our mother church (CCCO), the C2C Network, and brothers and sisters of Renewal Church and beyond.

God answers prayer and provides for our first Fall Retreat

Praise God that we had 67 people join us for our annual retreat! In the season leading up to retreat, we committed time together to write down names of friends on a whiteboard that we have been building/sustaining relationships with and prayed for each of them individually. God answered those prayers as many who did not yet know our Father joined us for the retreat. We spent the majority of the weekend exploring, talking, having fun together and concluded with a Sunday service where the gospel was proclaimed. We were reminded that many lack a community where they have others invested in how their lives are doing. People are desperate for community, even if they don't yet even realize it. What a great opportunity for the church to step into these places of emptiness!

The wider church body helped make the retreat a reality, West Village Church supported us \$3000 in order to subsidize costs for our guests. The church body working together is such a beautiful thing that God delights in!

We celebrated our first Baptisms, missional living and changed lives

We were reminded that God draws people to himself and he has been changing our hearts in the process. In August, we celebrated three of our dear friends enter the waters of baptism (Brian Gee, Alex Jiang, and Ivan Huor). We celebrated with brothers and sisters at CCCO who sent and commissioned us.

Those baptized shared stories of how they encountered Jesus. Brian shared how brothers and sisters helped him see and experience the love of God. His unchurched family witnessed him share the gospel and the recording allowed another who attends our Alpha/formation groups to witness it as well! Alex shared her story that success was the chief goal that she strived for in life but that longing has been replaced by Christ himself. Her mother was able to witness her story. Ivan shared that his initial journey of

faith was full of turbulence but that God has been chipping at his heart over decades. We also celebrate others in our community who encountered Jesus for the first time.

We thank God that our community has many seekers who are involved in our regular formation groups but may not attend Sunday gatherings. Some of whom have accepted Christ through Alpha and have seen their attitudes and perspectives towards others change dramatically. It is always difficult to select which stories to tell and what to highlight because God is always at work. Pray that God would continue the good work He is doing in their hearts.

Despite hardships in missional living, we are thankful that brothers and sisters have ventured beyond their comforts, and discovered the life giving experience of living by faith.

Sunday gatherings, formation groups, and the preaching collective

The liturgy on Sundays was intentionally shaped to root our hearts in the gospel and to form our character to be more like Christ. Through the efforts and creativity of our musicians, prayer teams, hospitality, children's teachers and volunteers the service is an offering where we ask God to transform us all. We had an average attendance of 35 over the course of the year as seekers, believers, and guests alike gathered to worship.

Formation groups are weekly gatherings hosted in various parts of the city. We welcome friends into our homes for meals each week, leisure activities as well as time together in the Bible. These groups form relationships that train us on how to practically love and walk alongside each other.

We have formed a preaching collective for brothers and sisters to study the Word together, to share commentaries, language, digital resources and to lend insight and different perspectives. The goal is to equip lay brothers and sisters to preach and develop a deeper understanding of the Bible. It has been a rich experience and we have already had Manson and Ruby Yan, Vincent Wong, Anders Van Volkingburgh, and Jonathan Lam preach in our various series. In 2017 we had preaching series in 1 Peter, John, Parables of the Kingdom, Psalms, Titus, Mark and Advent.

Neighborhood and community

We planted with a vision to be present and rooted in neighborhood. Barrhaven is one of the fastest growing diverse areas of our city and continues to attract young families. This year, more families plan to move to Barrhaven and we've seen our friends become mutual friends with people in the community.

I've had the privilege of meeting monthly with neighborhood pastors and we have seen more pastors join in with our neighborhood vision. It has been a wonderful experience to dream of possibilities, to pray for each other and Barrhaven itself.

We have seen the Holy Spirit at work in and through our community in 2017 and believe that He is just getting started. A prayer we will always have is that God would continue to cultivate within us a deeper sense of mission. We imagine what it could look like when every interaction in our lives, in our workplaces, in our coffee shops, grocery stores and neighborhood parks would be seen as having some eternal significance. May I encourage you to pray for a deeper sense of calling and increasing clarity as to how you can participate in what God is doing in this city.

Grace and Peace

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joshua Wang". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Joshua Wang

Renewal Church pastor

Student Ministry Worker

Jethro Cheung

Student ministry is by nature, transient. Each student is only in youth group for a few years before they are sent out into the world as young adults. I can empathize with how parents must feel when they send their children to university. Have we done enough to prepare them? Will they hold on to their faith? I have learned that high school is an extremely formative time for students, who are beginning to discover who they are and who they want to be. As ministers of the Gospel, we have the urgent responsibility of helping each student discover Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We may not be able to physically walk with them through every future chapter of their lives, but our experience teaches us that Jesus is always the answer. Our duty is to plant and to nourish the seed of the Gospel and to pray in faith that God would cause that seed to take root and to flourish.

In March, we had a bittersweet send-off for Eric Pan, who had faithfully served in the youth ministry for many years and had found employment in Vancouver. We wish him all the best in his new journey, and pray that he would continue to serve and grow with a new faith community in Vancouver.

Stephanie Ko continues to serve with me in the youth ministry. As for a personal update – after four years of dating, Stephanie and I got engaged in the summer of 2017, and we will be getting married in July of 2018. We are thankful for the love and support of the CCCO community, and we cherish your prayers as we walk together towards marriage.

YF continues to meet every Friday evening for fellowship. Our regular program consists of Bible studies, activity nights, and several major events scattered throughout the year. We also continue to have Sunday school each week. Some of the topics we studied this past year include: the character of God, the names of God, C.S. Lewis' Mere Christianity, the Protestant Reformation, dating and attraction, global missions, advent, the twelve disciples, discipleship, and spiritual disciplines. My hope is that YF can continue to be a safe place for youth to come to each week to find community, and to discover faith in Christ. Every Friday evening is an opportunity to share the Gospel. At the end of April, the youth hosted a Star Wars themed Coffeehouse. Coffeehouse is an annual event organized and hosted by the youth, who have the opportunity to take ownership of preparing food, skits, performances, decorations, invitations, and testimonies to share with their friends. Over 60 guests attended the evening and several of them started attending YF afterwards.

We were able to go on two retreats this year – one in March and a second in September, both at Galilee Bible Camp. Retreats are a wonderful opportunity for YF to intentionally set aside distractions and pursue God. The March retreat focused on the theme of "Identity". Our identity is shaped by the world around us. But our greatest identity is found in that we are sinners loved by God and saved by Christ. The September retreat

focused on the theme of “Faith”. We explored what faith is, our struggle to have faith, and how faith compels us to live boldly for Jesus.

From June 24 to July 1, a team of fifteen youth and six adults went on the Ouje-Bougoumou Mission Trip to minister to the Cree community. Roughly half of the team was serving on the Ouje trip for the first time. The months leading up to the trip are always filled with uncertainties and challenges, but by God’s grace, we were able to take a step of faith and follow God’s call. This year, we had the opportunity to minister to eighteen campers. For one week, we shared our lives, our testimonies, and our faith with these eighteen teenagers. Our prayer is that the Gospel seed would take hold of their lives and that they would see the great hope that Jesus provides to a world of broken sinners.

In August, we had our annual Discipleship Week at church. Each morning, we had a time of Bible study followed by cooking a meal together. The theme this year was “How to Grow as a Christian”.

It continues to be a joy to serve in the student ministry at CCCO while also pursuing my seminary degree. I am thankful that CCCO recognizes the importance of ministering to the next generation. It is amazing to watch the youth grow as individuals and as believers throughout their time in YF. May we continue to partner together in prayer and labor for the furtherance of God’s kingdom in Ottawa and beyond.



👉 Ouje-Bougoumou Mission Trip

Galilee Bible Camp 👉



I was often asked how long I have been serving in Children's Ministry. It was long enough to see more than a generation born and grew up; long enough to see my own children grew up and now my grandchild born and can't wait to see her grows up. Why Children's Ministry in all these times? I long to see a generation of children rising up to take their place, with selfless faith, to serve the Lord. No matter how much I long for, yet this is the fulfillment of the Great Commission which ask for commitment from all of us TOGETHER – and only TOGETHER – can we reach our generation and the next.

In CCCO, Children's Ministry relates closely with Youth Ministry, together the two ministries come under the Children and Youth (C&Y) core team to serve our next generation. In 2017 the C&Y core team consisted of : Oscar Cheung (chair and rep. from elder board), Jethro Cheung, Pauline Tsang, Michelle Wang, Amy Kong and myself. We meet monthly to review our ministry, to strategize, to pray for the children/youths, to support and encourage each other.

Irene Liang also joined the Children's Ministry as summer student worker focusing on planning, recruiting, promoting and carrying out the 2017 VBS. We thank God for the provision. Irene was dedicated and passionate the whole time while serving in this role. VBS is a great outreach opportunity. We knew from the outset that it would involve months of preparation, manpower and resources. When we saw some of those children came back to join us in Awana, it's worth all the effort. It was also very encouraging to see that many VBS leaders had marked off the VBS week from other obligations and committed to VBS full-time. In 2017 VBS we were blessed to have 22 leaders/helpers and 41 children registered.

I fully believe God ordains 'family' to pass on the faith from one generation to the next, hence the role of parents is critical. Sessions for parents were organized (in both English and Chinese) to share how church and parents together can come alongside to ministry to nurture the faith journey of their child. However, attendance was not as good as expected. This indicated a challenge we are to face in engaging families to build a faith base foundation for the children.

Psalm 78 commissions us to pass on faith from generation to generation, even to those yet to be born. Faith that lasts will take more than just you or I. Rather, we, as a church, are to join together for the long haul and not give up. May God work tenderness into our own hearts as we walk hand in hand with our children so they too one day will join us as brothers and sisters in Christ.

2018 Vision

What about children from unchurch families? In Luke 10, Jesus taught on the greatest commandment using the parable of the good Samaritan. Then a question came up as 'who is my neighbor?' Literally, do you know who are your neighbors and how would you respond to Jesus on this? CM is envisioning to bring VBS to your backyard in 2019. This would be a great opportunity to outreach to your neighbors, but are you ready? More details will be unfolded throughout this year. Meantime, let's pray for readiness of our hearts and for opportunities to get to know our neighbors.

Sunday TOGETHER Seedling - Michelle Wang

Leading people to Jesus is a long journey. The Seedling class, as the name implies, is at the early stage of this life long process. As the teachers of this class we understand how important to sow the seeds of Gospel to the hearts of these little children, and help them to grow in faith.

We started every class with pray. We encouraged everyone, the students, the teacher and helper, pray together openly. In this way the children learn how to talk to God, be thankful for God and praise God for who He is and what He does.

We used the curriculum that covers both the Old Testament and the New Testament, not only the stories but also emphasize application and response to God's Word as well as learning facts and details.

In the past year, there have been 10 children from JK to Grade 2 attended the Seedling class. Besides the long-serving teachers, we have a new member joined the team. Now we have five teachers: Jing Yi, Feng Long, Yunli Wang, Yonghong Guan, Michelle Wang; and three youth helpers: Chloe Chong, Elizabeth Chen, Karen Li. We thank God for their faithful service.

As part of the CCCO family, we participated the Combined worship on Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. The kids made Christmas cards and wrote letters to our missionaries; witnessed how the missionaries carry out the work to spread God's Word to all the corner of the earth.

We thank God for bringing the kids to the Seedling class and providing all the wonderful workers; and more importantly, we pray God leads the children at all ages grow in faith. "As for what was sown on good soil, that is the one who hears the word and understand it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty." (*Mathew 13: 23*)

Sunday TOGETHER Sprout - Amy Kong

“God is faithful to all His Promises”, what a wonderful statement that is! We can trust our God and put our faith in him for he always keeps His promises. This is what Salina and I continued to teach the children of the Sprout class in 2017. We were blessed to have on average 10 children who attended each week. Although no children moved up from the Seedling class in the September we had some new children (all boys!) join the class.

Also in the Fall, God faithfully provided in other areas:

- Mandy Hui took over as the coordinator for the worship time.
- Hao Wang became the coordinator for the snacks.
- William Mok and Michelle Wang became teaching assistants for the sprout class.
- Our university students returned to help after taking a break last year and Jeffrey Wong taught with others expressing an interest in teaching in future.

Other highlights included:

- Learning about the church supported missionaries through the Children’s Quiz Contest and writing Christmas letters to them.
- The children sharing what they’ve learned by presenting the song “It’s about LOVE” at the Christmas service.

God has indeed been faithful to the Sprout class in 2017 and we are grateful for all those serve in this ministry. We look forward to training new teachers and to helping the children understand what it means to trust in God’s promises. Please continue to pray for the children and encourage them in their walk of faith.

Friday AWANA – Roger Yip

The Awana 2017-18 year started on September 17 with many changes for both the children and the adult leaders. Long Feng and Li Gang took leave of absence for family reasons, and we were joined by Vivian and Kenneth. After much debate, the T&T curriculum has changed over to the new Awana material. The new material is more formal, with a planned lesson scheduled each week. The new books used by leaders and children are identical so everyone is studying the same lesson. The biggest change is that all of the children progress at the same pace instead of growing individually.

During the fall term, attendance averaged around 7-9 for Sparks and around 15-17 for T&T. There were many extra activities planned including Fall Fest and a family games night.

The Winter term started on January 19, delayed one week due to poor weather. Our next major event will be the Awana Grand Prix race in early March. We look forward to many more exciting and fun filled Awana Fridays.

We thank the Lord for what He had done in 2017 CCCO Missions as we collaborated with the pastors, the Boards, and different congregations. May we continue to work together to fulfill God's Great Commission in 2018 and beyond.

The 2017 Missions Committee members were Patrick Ma (co-ordinator), Frederick Cheung, George Kong, Joseph Lam and Selina Chen (January – November). The planned objectives and activities were:

1. To promote mission education and awareness in the three congregations, including children and youth.

a) Supported missionaries' sharing with CCCO during their visits

May 11 - Ginger Gao, Evergreen China Director, shared with the Missions Committee of their current development in Evergreen and preached in the Mandarin Sunday Worship Service on May 14.

May 13 - Pastor Enoch Hall of Ouje Quebec shared with the Missions Committee of his ministries in the Cree community.

July 2 - Carmen Ewing shared with all three congregations of her ministries with Wycliffe Bible Translator in Philadelphia.

July 2 - Shaun Liu preached in the English Sunday Worship Service and shared with the Mandarin Congregation in their Sunday Worship Service.

August 20 - May Chan shared in the Sunday Worship Service with the Mandarin and Cantonese Congregation, including her plan in leaving OMF to pursue her study in Hong Kong.

b) Commissioning Service for Shaun Liu

July 9 - The Commissioning service for Shaun Liu was held at CCCO with members from all the three congregations and the Renewal Church, and representatives from Wycliffe Canada, Larry and Andrea Ciccarelli.

c) Missions Awareness Month (October)

The Missions Awareness Month was held in October with the theme "Unchanging Mission in a Changing World":

September 24, October 8 and 22 - Jethro Cheung, Student Ministry Worker of CCCO, preached in the English Sunday Worship Service and the Ouje STM team shared with the 3 congregations on various dates.

October 15 - Brother George Kong preached to the Cantonese Congregation and shared his experience from a Short Term Mission trip to Bournemouth, UK, in sharing the Gospel and witnessing for Christ.

October 18 - Missions Committee members conducted a Personal Evangelism Mini-Workshop for the Career Group.

October 20 - Fiona Lee shared with the Joshua Fellowship of her ministry at Rahab Ministry in Toronto which program is to liberate and restore women and children involved in the sex trade.

Ruby Yan shared about her ministry at Power to Change with two children groups from AWANA.

October 22 - Fiona Lee shared with the Cantonese and Mandarin congregations during Sunday Worship Service of her ministry at Rahab Ministry in Toronto.

October 29 - Rev. Peter Chan of Toronto preached at the English and Mandarin Sunday Worship Service.

October 1 – 29 - A Mission quiz contest was conducted in the children's Sunday School. Five children from two age groups won prizes from this contest.

2. To support missionaries, short-termers, and Mission organizations

a) Missionaries:

We thank the Lord that we had the opportunity to support the following missionaries financially and in prayers in 2017:

Alice Chen, May Chan, Solina Chy, Janet Holden, Cara Johnston, Carmen Ewing, Sam Mo, Jazz and Hope Li, Ruby Yan, Fiona Lee, Shaun Liu, Steve and Susan Zhang.

Our supported missionaries have been sending us regularly ministry reports. Please refer to the Missions bulletin board (2nd floor hallway) for their newsletters and updates. The Sunday Service bulletins have the 'Pray for Missionary' items for us to remember their need in prayer.

b) Short Term Mission (STM)

Ouji at northern Quebec (O.J.) - 5 adults and 16 youths went to O.J. and led an evangelistic camp for the Cree First Nations youth, June 24 - July 1. The team was led by Jethro Cheung, CCCO Student Ministry Worker.

3. To review and evaluate Mission Policy and utilization of budget resources in supporting new missionaries and seminary students

The GCTF Committee (Pastor Francis, Eddie Yan, George Kong, Alfred Tsang, and Patrick Ma) and the Elders Board decided that it is best to merge the Missions Scholarship with the GCTF for simplicity and clarity. Starting in 2018, CCCO will be using GCTF to provide financial assistance to support church members in seminary training preparing for full-time ministry.

Personnel

In 2017, the Property team comprised of Benjamin Yeung, Tim Lee, Frederick Cheung, Kevin Jiang and Charles Ma. Baohua Zhang was the Property Manager.

The projects that the Property Department had completed in 2017 are as follows:

Preparing a new office for Pastor Jin

Pastor Jin joined CCCO as our English Pastor in March 2017. The Property Department have re-assigned the old office of Pastor Josh Wang to him. There was a series of activities that had to be carried out to make it a functional office for our new pastor.

Thankfully with the dedication of our team, which comprised of Kevin Jiang, Uncle Ben, Charles Ma and Kitty Ma, the office renovation was completed on time for his arrival

Exterior lighting

There were frequent break-ins to parked cars around the church neighborhood that raised concern for the congregation. To address the issue, the Property department wanted to improve the exterior lighting for both the 116 and 118 buildings. Uncle Ben championed the cause and replaced the existing lighting with more powerful and economical LED lights. He also repaired some old sodium lights. As a result, the front and the laneways of the two buildings are well lit from dusk to dawn.

Interior lighting conversion

As an effort to cut down on electricity usage, the Property department attempted to replace all candescent lights and fluorescent lights to LED lights. By their count, there were over three hundred light bulbs for fluorescent tubes in the two buildings. Uncle Ben took advantage of some good promotional sales and proceeded to replace about 90% of the lights to LED lights. It was a big job and he got help from Frederick Cheung, Morris Zhang, Chunsheng Li and Baohua Zhang.

Church security and monitoring system

The church board asked the Property department to implement a solution so that we can monitor the church building through security cameras mounted inside the building. Since we wanted the capability to monitor from inside the building and also from our homes, the Property department picked an IP solution and picked the Q-SEE monitoring system. The system comprised of four cameras mounted on the hallways of the three floors to monitor the church entrances, hallways and church office. The system was installed by Uncle Ben, Baohua Zhang and Charles Ma.

HDMI Migration

The VGA interface is getting old and is in the process of being phased out. The newer models of laptops, TVs and video projectors will come out without support for the VGA interface. CCCO should upgrade their A/V system to support the latest interface, which is HDMI. The Property department has started work in the area by first migrating the

basement sanctuary to support the new interface. The plan is to do that for the main sanctuary in 2018.

Maintenance:

Painting of emergency fire escape stairs and exterior doors

To maintain the proper functioning of the fire escape system, the two fire escape stairs had to be painted every few years. With the help of Charles and Kitty Ma, Kevin Jiang and Uncle Ben, the two fire escapes, three exterior doors and the front stair railing were painted in the summer. This should protect the fire escape stairs from rust in the next few years.

Cleaning of chairs

There were over three hundred chairs in 118 and the chair fabric needs to be cleaned at a regular interval. Thanks to Belinda Lui, Charles and Kitty Ma, these chairs were cleaned within the span of one week in 2017.

With the grace of God, the Property department was able to carry out its function in 2017. The church board is aware that the work load for the Property Manager is very heavy and the load should be split among several people. They are doing an analysis of the functions within the department and come up with a logical way to split them up. The re-organization will probably be carried out in fiscal year of 2018.

Thanksgiving

Special thanks go to Brother Charles for his leadership, support, and help during last year in serving property together. Thanks to the help and service of Uncle Ben, Tim Lee, Fredrick, Cheung, Kevin Jiang, and Kitty Ma and other brothers and sisters, I have been learned a lot from them to serve together as group. May God's blessing continue to with us and let us experience the Love of God together.

Communication is very important these days, especially in a big family like CCCO. We have three congregations with three different cultures and two different languages. We have different age groups and we have planted a new church in Barrhaven. There are also many ministries with different focus and activities. The Communication Department's goal is to keep every church member informed of the current activities, future direction, and of course our weekly sermon in case church members miss a Sunday worship and would like to catch up on recent sermons.

The CCCO web site has been designed and developed by some of our dedicated church members. We had gone through different iterations to arrive at an easy to navigate and easy to maintain and yet very functional web site. I would like to convey my gratitude to the previous department heads, especially brother Baohua Zhang and sister Jennifer Xia, whose hard work had made my life easier.

In 2017, the Communication department entered into maintenance mode. Gone was the semi-annual publication of CCCO-K. In its place, the church web-site was updated each week with the most current family news in both English and Chinese language. Thanks to Richard Ho, who volunteered to share my load with the weekly family news and sermon update.

I would like to also thank our office administrator, Doka Chang, who uploads the weekly church bulletin each Friday. The bulletin includes information such as family news, prayer items, worship attendance and weekly donation. Doka also has been responsible for updating the church event calendar.

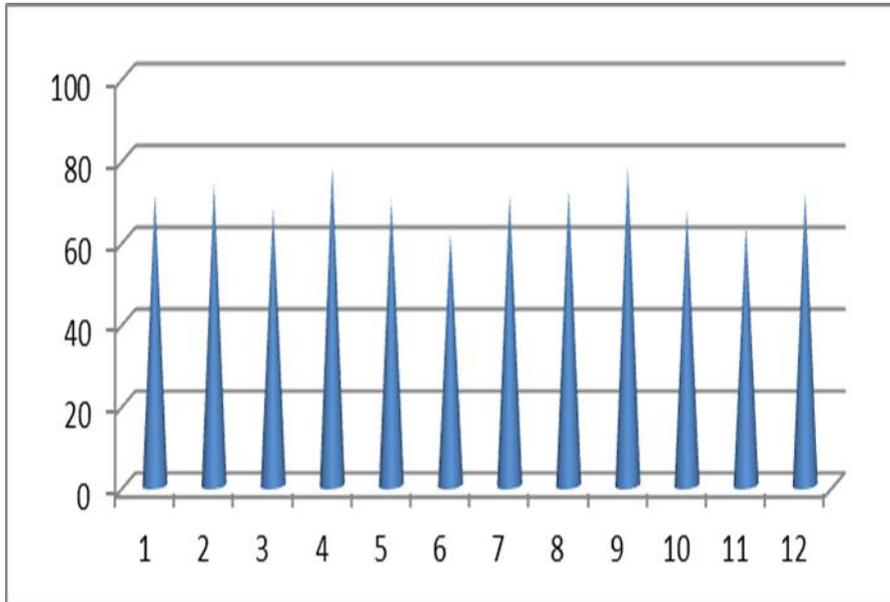
There are teams of brothers and sisters running the A/V room every Sunday. They have been responsible for doing the sermon recordings and uploading the sermon files to the CCCO web site every week. Thanks to their effort, we have been able to provide access to these recordings to our church members. Usually, all three sermons of our three congregations will be accessible in the following week. However, on occasions, the A/V teams may have requests from the speakers as not to post these audio recordings. The teams will always comply to such requests and upload the recordings to a different directory which is not accessible by the regular web users.

Brother Baohua Zhang will be the department head for the Communication department in 2018. We are confident that he will continue to improve on the CCCO web site so that the users will have a positive experience by using it.

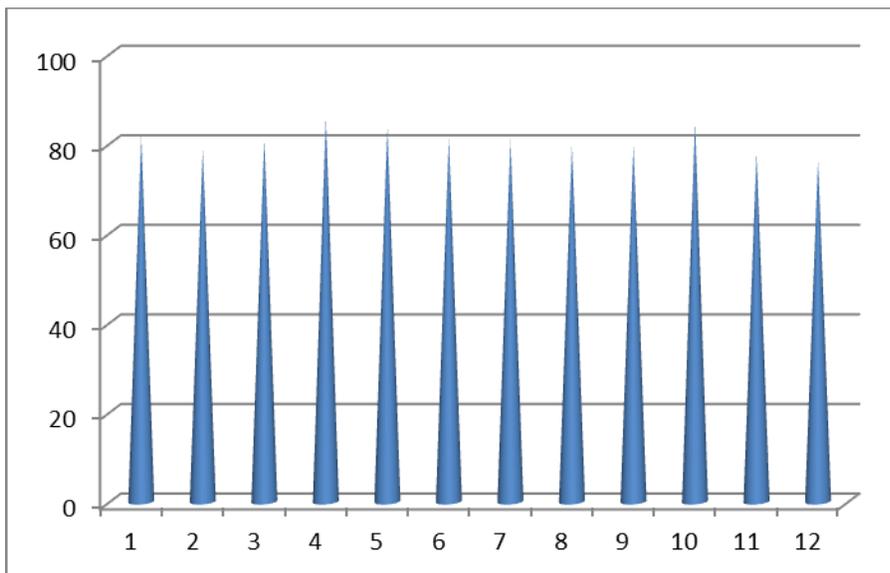
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Sunday Worship Service

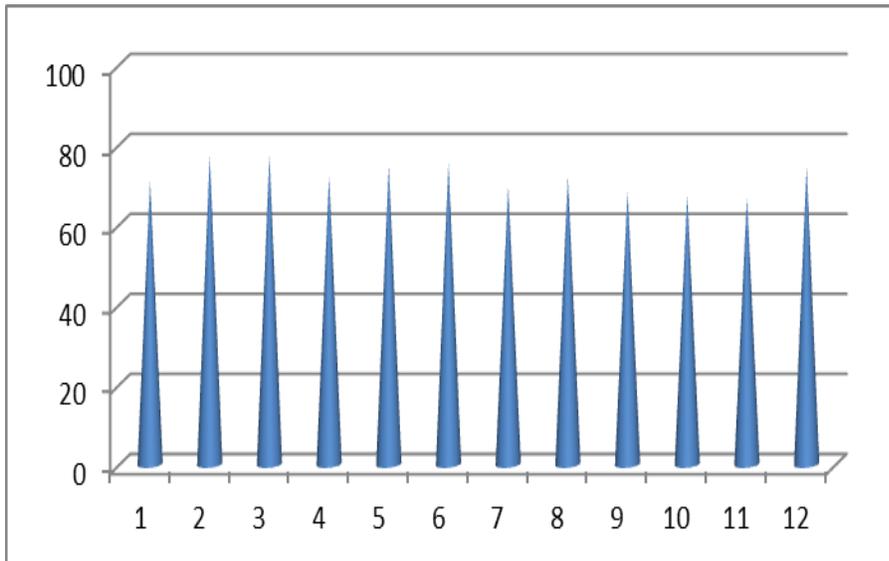
English Average Monthly Attendance



Mandarin Average Monthly Attendance



Cantonese Average Monthly Attendance



Average Monthly Offering

