

2019 Annual Report

CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF OTTAWA

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2019 Board members and their portfolios

Portfolio of Elders Board	Member
Chair	Lapkin Ip
Secretary	David Zhou
Cantonese Ministry	Pastor Francis Wong
English Ministry/ Youth Ministry	Pastor Jin Chong/Jethro Cheung
Mandarin Ministry	Pastor Gary Tse
Children Ministry	Salina Yan
Portfolio of Deacons Board	Member
Chair	Arvin Chung
Treasurer(Appointed)	Morris Zhang
Membership	Arvin Chung
Personnel(Appointed)	Michael Wang
Property	Tonny Lui
Communication (Appointed)	Charles Ma

Elders Board appointed workers

Student Ministry Worker: Jethro Cheung

Mission and Community Ministry: Patrick Ma

Receivable: Iris Lau

Payable: Maria Ma

Representative on Renewal Church Task Force: Eddie Yan

2020 Board members and their portfolios

Portfolio of Elders Board	Member
Co-Chair	Rev. Francis Wong Rev. Gary Tse
Chair of Deacons Board	Michael Wang
Secretary	David Zhou
Cantonese Ministry	Pastor Francis Wong
English Ministry	Rev. Jin Su Chong Jethro Cheung
Mandarin Ministry	Pastor Gary Tse
Children Ministry	Salina Yan
Mission & Community Ministry	Patrick Ma
Building Committee	Wilson Hui
Portfolio of Deacons Board	Member
Chair	Michael Wang
Treasurer	Morris Zhang
Membership	Arvin Chung
Personnel	Iris Lau
Property	Tonny Lui

Elders Board appointed workers

Student Ministry Worker: Jethro Cheung

Mandarin Ministry Worker : Michael Lee

“Rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18.

We rejoice and are very thankful for 2019. We rejoice and thank the Lord for the new people added to His kingdom and the spiritual growth of brothers and sisters in Christ. Once again, we thank God for His provision and protection. Thank God for a full team of Pastoral staff, co-workers and board members, who supported each other and worked harmoniously with a united heart to further His Kingdom. We are especially thankful for the arrival of brother Michael Lee to work with us to reach out to the Mandarin speaking young people.

We thank God for the past thirty years of allowing us to be a witness for Him in the current location. We started out only with the Cantonese Congregation. As our children grew up and newcomers came into our community, we expanded ourselves to develop the English ministry. In the early 2000s, as many new immigrants from mainland China started to arrive, God again allowed us to further expand our ministry to serve the Mandarin speaking folks in our midst. Now, we have 3 separate congregations and 3 congregation pastors with their Core group members serving faithfully in our midst. In addition to that, we are also very thankful for the many faithful brothers and sisters who have served diligently in the Children and Youth Ministry over the years. We are thankful for the 30th anniversary committee, who planned a very interesting and creative program for us to mingle, to worship and to help remind us of our theme for the coming years to renew and rebuild ourselves and our church to be His ambassadors in this community and beyond.

It was a very joyful time during the Easter and Christmas worship, where we witnessed a total of 8 baptism and 7 membership transfer in 2019. We are thankful for brothers and sisters, who labored to nurture and to provide support to those new converts and new members.

As we started out in the year, we had a challenge to redefine our vision and mission in order to align our 3 congregations to have the same ministry focus. We thank God for the great work of our Pastors and staff members in rewriting the vision, mission and core values for CCCO and the congregation unanimously adopted them in our November AGM (Annual General Meeting).

In addition, we had been discussing and praying for the decision about the future location of the CCCO church facility. Our pastoral staff prepared a series of prayer booklets for our 30 weeks prayer campaign. After the campaign, the congregation held 30 days of fast and prayer to seek God's guidance. When we walked into the November AGM, where the congregation members given an opportunity to cast their vote on the future location of the CCCO church facility, we humbled ourselves to pray and asked God to show us the way. We are very grateful and joyful for the overwhelming decision of the congregation to redevelop our church facility in the current location.

We are also very thankful for the diligent work of our nomination committee. They started their work early in the year by hosting information sessions to help our congregations to be familiar with the role and responsibility of an elder and a deacon board member. They also took the initiative to follow up with some of the people, who showed in potentially become of a board member. We are very grateful for some of the new members that are willing to step out to serve in the Elder and Deacon boards. They also sowed the seed for some of the potential future board members.

As we look forward in 2020, we pray that our Lord will continue to grant us wisdom, strength and energy to carry out the vision and mission that we adopted in 2019 and also grant us a 20/20 focus and energy to renew ourselves and to rebuild CCCO church facility in the current location for His glory and for the welfare of the people in this community.

“I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.” (Rev. 3:8)

By the grace of God, the Cantonese Ministry can testify to the reality of this promise. In terms of number, age and physical health, we too have but little power. Nevertheless, brothers and sisters took every opportunity to share the Gospel with all who would listen. Among the many efforts of different groups and individuals are the following examples.

In 2019, we had the opportunity to conduct the Evangelism Explosion Training. Two sisters and two brothers took the training over the course of 13 weeks. Beside lecture, there were also homework, reading, memorization of the Gospel presentation and on-the-job training visitation each week. We were encouraged by the dedication of participants. Their sharing at the graduation ceremony in October was a great encouragement to the congregation. Special thanks must go to Ivy Cheng who organized the whole training amidst many challenges at home.

From May to November, we organized a senior outreach program every other Wednesday from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM. The program consisted of information relating to seniors' health, physical exercise, social activities and a light lunch. Sometimes, brothers and sisters would share their Christian testimonies. The attendance was 20 to 25 people. There was a clear presentation of the Gospel at the last gathering of the year.

In June, I had the privilege of baptizing a gentleman in the hospital a few days before he passed away. This man had been coming to the different outreach activities of CCCO for close to twenty years. A group of brothers and sisters had been sharing the Gospel with him all these year. Together with the family of this man, they witnessed the baptism of this brother whom the God of mercy pursued after even to his last days on

this earth. The Bible says: “Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” (1 Cor. 15:58)

The once-a-month Evening Service celebrated its fifth anniversary in July with a special outreach gathering. There were a dozen or more guests in attendance. After a sumptuous meal, the program started with a karaoke competition. Many guests participated with enthusiasm. Afterward, brothers and sisters presented songs and sharing around the theme: Love returns home.

In December, the Visitation Team organized an outreach event at one of the senior’s apartment building in Chinatown. Over 20 brothers and sisters participated in food preparation, caroling, magic show or just befriending the seniors. About 50 seniors attended the gathering. They were most attentive when the Christmas story was explained to them.

We thank the Lord for the open door to share the Gospel among the Cantonese community. With the changing situation in Hong Kong, there may yet be another opportunity for the Cantonese ministry to grow and expand. In the meantime, let us remember the exhortation of the Apostle Paul to Timothy: “preach the word; be ready in season and out of season.”(2 Tim.4:2)

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the dedication of the whole Cantonese Core Group who looks after the bulk of the Cantonese ministry. The members consist of Arvin Chung, Wilson Hui, Iris Lau, Paul Leung, Vincent Leung and Kitty Ma. In 2020, we welcome the addition of a new member, Herbert Yu.

Caleb Fellowship -- Rossalind Chen

The Caleb fellowship is a group who serve God wholeheartedly, with thanksgiving. We look after and support each other in faith and our daily lives.

Caleb fellowship meetings ran from March to December. It was held on the second Saturday of each month from 11am to 1pm in the basement of the church. In July, It was held outdoors at The Lord's Garden.

Herewith, we thank our leadership team for their help and support to run this organization smoothly. Special thanks to Mr. Kan and his crew members in preparing delicious and healthy lunches. Also thanks to Allison for her hard work in our finance department. In addition, special thanks to Tonny, and Iris for her musical support. May God continue to bless all members who serve wholeheartedly.

2019 activities and thanksgiving matters:

1. There were 8 indoor services with an average attendance of 50 people.
2. Outdoor activities: July - The Lord's Garden.
3. 9 guests were to invited to share their testimonies and sharing:
Mrs. Wai Chee Lee, Eddie Yan, Yan Yan Ho, Wilson Hui, Tim Law, Pastor Francis Wong, Vincent Leung, George Kong, Joseph Lam.
4. In July, we had outdoor activities with Ivy and Leon Cheng's support.
5. Many thanks to the following members who provided food through a special offering
Mr. & Mrs. Arvin Chung, Mrs. Yan Yan Ho, Mr. & Mrs. Norman toy, Mr.& Mrs. James Eng, Mrs. Marion Hum, Mr. & Mrs. George Kong. God loves a cheerful giver. May God continue to richly bless them.
6. Members who went with the Lord: April – Mr. Moon Hung Yan, Oct – Dian Fong
7. Kindly pray for brothers and sisters who reside I retirement homes.

There is much to give thanks and praise to the Lord for sustaining our congregation and ministries. We are thankful for many members serving in various areas to support the works of CCCO. I am personally thankful that my relationship with CCCO has formally been extended. I continue to pray that by God's grace that I would be a faithful shepherd for the English congregation as the Lord wills. The English Ministry Team included Jethro Cheung, Ralph Lee, Baldwin Toye, Brandon Toye, Cecile Toye, Michael Yip, Allison Yu and myself. It has been such a pleasure and joy to be serving with these individuals who have demonstrated genuine joy and wisdom to guide our congregation. This past summer we were able to get away for a summer retreat at Silver Lake Camp. Our speaker was Michael Changuur who spoke on the theme "Destiny: Gospel Living in a Trending World". It was encouraging and challenging to be reminded that we are a people who live with purpose and mission. This year Ralph Lee and Allison Yu have planned to step down from their positions. We are so thankful for their service and support.

Sunday School

We are on the final subject for the Gospel Shaped Church curriculum, mercy. We have already studied the previous subjects of worship, outreach, living (as a church), and work. Sunday school has been such a critical part of our ministry. There are about twenty or so people who gather each Sunday to discuss and share on these important topics. It has been critical for our ministry because it helps us to think more critically how the Bible informs us as Christians. It is also a way that visitors and others see how Christian community plays a formative role in developing a person's faith.

Youth Fellowship

Jethro Cheung continues to meet faithfully with our youth. We are so thankful for Stephanie Cheung, Ivan Hue, and Eugenia Ling for their ongoing support. Even though they may be a younger group this year, we pray that God would help build their faith to be bold in their later years of high school.

University and College Fellowship

Ralph Lee leads our UCF ministry. He continues to build up a core group of students to lead, organize, and facilitate each meeting. They have been studying through the book of Mark for their study. They have also been going on various outings to spend time in fellowship with one another and their friends. It is my prayer that we continue to be an edifying and supportive group for our student population.

Adult Ministry

Each of our small groups continue to meet regularly throughout the year. This past year the small group leaders have met a few times to share and encourage each other in their ministries. The **Career group** is led by Amy Kong and Allison Yu. They have been studying through the book of Isaiah. **Baldwin Toye** leads a group and they have been studying the book of Titus. **Pearl Jaeger** also leads a group that meets to share in devotionals and fellowship. **Stephanie Cheung** has also been leading a number of women for Bible study. Each of these groups are actively playing a role in caring for the members of our congregation.

2020 Theme - 1 Peter 2:9-10

“A community that celebrates and experiences God’s mercy”,

I was blessed to see how the Lord challenged us in 2019 to be ‘People of the Word’. Many participated by committing themselves to read through their Bibles last year. This year I want to emphasize how important it is to be a community of faith. I pray that I can gather more groups of people to gather regularly for Bible study, sharing, and fellowship.

Student Ministry Worker

Jethro Cheung

This is my fifth year leading YF, and it continues to be a learning experience for me. There were two distinct periods in 2019, marked by the graduation of a large group of high school students in the summer. From January to August, YF was predominantly senior high school students. Starting in September, the group in YF has been the youngest I have had. Both groups had their own dynamic along with their own challenges and opportunities, but I know that my goal is unchanging - to faithfully present the person and work of Christ to every student. I am thankful to have Stephanie Cheung, Ivan Hue, and Eugenia Ling serving alongside me this year. Each of them has a unique gifting, personality, and experience in faith and life that enables them to speak powerfully into the lives of the youth. Please encourage and thank them when you get a chance!

YF continues to meet every Friday evening for fellowship and Sunday mornings for Sunday school. Our hope is that YF can continue to be a safe space for youth to find community and to explore the Christian faith. A typical Friday evening consists of group games, a topical lesson, worship songs, and small group discussion and prayer. The Sunday school curriculum tackled the topics of worship, the fruit of the Spirit, and the church, as well as the books of Esther, Philippians, and 1 John. YF also has several major events throughout the year. In 2019, we had a Leadership Retreat in January, Spring Retreat in March, No Other Name and Coffeehouse in April, the Ouje-Bougoumou Mission Trip in July, and Fall Fest in October. These special events provide opportunities for the youth to put their faith into action, to outreach to their friends, and to serve God on the mission field.

Thank you for continuing to support the youth ministry at CCCO. With a younger demographic this year, our goals include helping the younger youth transition and integrate into the group as well as to intentionally develop student leaders. Both tasks require much patience and wisdom, and we count on your prayer and encouragement. Please also continue to pray for the graduated students that are now in the next stage of their lives - may they continue to walk with the Lord and live their lives for Jesus.

“Continue” preaching the Gospel subverted my life 2019

The Mandarin Core Group decided to continue the fruitful ministry of last year and take “continue” preaching the Gospel subverted my life in 2019.

Worship

We began the year with Colossians 3:12-15 in a series of 11 sermons. “So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.” The messages were concentrated on 4 themes 1) identity in Christ, 2) the wisdom of living with one another in Christ, 3) Spiritual growth, 4) Come together in Christ. We reflect on these themes to deepen our spiritual life of how the Gospel of Jesus Christ subverted our lives.

Worship Teams working faithfully with the pulpit, besides, all baptizees shared their testimonies of how the Gospel of Jesus Christ subverted our lives.

Evangelism Training

We provided Evangelism Explosion Training from Jan to June by Pastor Gary and Youlian Pan. 6 brothers and sisters attended the training (Zhou Hui, Morris Zhang, Yu Hua, Wang Yun Li, and Linda Yee). During these training sessions, they have visited 18 non-believers and led 10 people make decision to accept Jesus Christ as personal saviour and Lord of Life. 2 of these believers (Wang Zhi Bao and Yu Li Juan) were baptized into the body of Christ. Evangelism visitation ministry has been continuing since the training finish until now and more people has accepted Christ as their personal saviour.

Out Reach on Friday Evening

We continue what we have started to provide “Alpha — Marriage course” after “ Alpha - Parenting Teens course”. The attendants are not only parents’ of AWANA and YF but also from the community. The leaders were faithfully and loving leading these groups. They came every Friday to learn and share how to build godly marriage. On one hand, this ministry served the community and on the other hand, the seed of the gospel has been spread. We pray that God will make it grow.

Young people Fellowship

This fellowship meet every Friday, we continue our outreach to new comers and discipleship for brothers and sisters in Jan to June. We are joyful and thankful that Mr. Michael Lee came in July to work diligently in this ministry. (Please see his report for second half of the year)

Senior Ministry

Our seniors are vibrant and active; they come every Sunday for worship and Sunday school. They gather on Sunday at 9:30 to sing hymns and learn the Word of God together for 45 mins. After that they have 45 mins of discussion and sharing and indeed, this time is their fellowship gathering weekly. Besides Sunday, they have weekly singing group at their senior buildings. They were encouraged by the theme: “Continue” preaching the Gospel subverted my life that they made use of some of the festival dates to invite new comers to their Sunday outreach, in which they turn the Sunday school hour into an evangelistic meeting. We are thankful for the love and kindness of those who serve in this ministry.

Christian Education

After finished the 3 years plan to finish studying the whole Bible, Christian Education committee make a new 3 years plan to study Old and New Testament book, character and message based on Inductive

Bible Study method. We pray that God will use our teachers to provide interactive teaching to study the Bible systematically.

Caring and Small Groups

Thanks to the Lord and the faithful services of the Greeting Team, who bring and welcome new comers weekly in our Sunday Services. The small groups were able to invite new comers to their group and provide caring and support to each another. We dedicated to serve and love others. August 3rd Co-workers retreat was highlight of our fellowship to support each other and come together to rest and reflect.



Thanksgiving

We are thankful that the Core group is faithful, unified, and willing to commit: Youlian Pan, Xiao Hong He, Zhou Hui, Michael Wang, Morris Wang, Yi Jing, Michael Lee, and Pastor Gary. They are people who call on the Name of the Lord, not only they are faithful in planning and doing ministry but also watchful for the church in prayer. Some of them have been serving in core group over 10 years and are moving to another stage of services next year. We are thankful that we have some new members to join core group 2020: Angela Dong, Wang Hao, Gang Yang Jie, Youlian Pan, Xiao Hong He, Michael Lee and Pastor Gary. May the Holy Spirit fill us and give us gifts to build up His church.

Continue to Thanksgiving

We are unwillingly to farewell to Lapkin and Esther Ip. They are faithfully serving among us in different aspects, not only to build up and strengthen Mandarin Ministry but also supporting the whole church. They are model of service to all Mandarin Congregation. May God bless them and keep them in the new place of living and keep their whole spirit, soul and body for their future ministry.

Mandarin Ministry Worker

Michael Lee

I am grateful for God leading our family to join the Young People Ministry of CCCO in July 2019. It was a transition period for Young People Ministry Committee, the fellowship and for us, as we learned to work together as a team. The general environment of fellowship stayed the same, and we continue to meet every Friday night. The Ministry of Young People Fellowship is grouped into three categories: shepherd, discipleship and evangelistic outreach.

Shepherd Ministry

This category is focused on fellowship gatherings. The content of the fellowship can be divided into three categories: Bible Study, Topical Discussion, and Cell Group Time. First, the goal of Bible Study was using the Word of God to shepherd brothers and sisters by teaching Biblical truth. A systematic Bible study of the Old and New Testaments was scheduled for it. Second, the Topical Discussion is designed to match the pace of life of young people, and to encourage young people to practice their Christian faith in their daily living. Lastly, the Cell Group Time emphasized helping brothers and sisters to continue to build a community of belonging, in which there is sharing and intercession, to achieve the function of caring.

Discipleship Ministry

This was operating outside of Friday night fellowship time, It was using either one-to-one reading plan or one-to-one discipleship training depending on the target person. The model of it was like this: first it was demonstrated by the consulter, and then the follower would practice. This ministry functions as supplement of the practicing of faith that can't be reached within the time of fellowship.



Evangelistic Outreach Ministry

The goal of this outreach ministry is to lead young people who are interesting in Christianity to Christ. Therefore, we constantly get in touch with and invite young adults or students from the University of Ottawa, Carleton University, and Algonquin College to join the events hosted at the church. And from there, we try to steer them towards either one-to-one reading plan, or Friday night fellowship time.

It is hoped that through the above ministries, the catechumen can become a believer in Christ, and then the believer can become Christ disciple, and finally a disciple will be mature in the future. Therefore, I would like to invite brothers and sisters to continue to pray for the Young People Fellowship, Young People committee members, and Young People Support Team members to shepherd the young people according to God's will.

“I thank my God every time I remember you (all our CM workers.) In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

CCCO Children Ministry in 2019 was the laboring of all 25 CM workers’ active support and partnership in the gospel.

CM was blessed to have this team of very responsible inter-generational brothers and sisters ranging from grandparents to teens. Their partnership in serving complement each other which has proven to be a great modeling to the kids.

We rejoice in the addition of passionate Christians to serve in leadership role in CM. Jade Sowden joined the Sunday Sprout class teaching team. We can’t be more thankful for her joyful spirit and zealous heart to teach. Kenneth Ho joined the CM Core Team taking care of many technical aspects for the ministry, one of which is to revive our CM webpage which has laid dormant for quite sometime.

Children Ministry operates under the leadership of the CM Core Team. With Kenneth Ho joining the core team in 2019, the team members are: Salina Yan (Elder, Team Chair), Michelle Wang, Pauline Tsang, Amy Kong and Kenneth Ho. The core team finished a book study in 2019 on *“Dreaming more of the next generation”*; challenging us to envision a fresh approach and new vision to spiritual formation in the lives of kids and their families. Subsequently, by the end of 2019 the core team drafted a renewed CM vision/mission statement for all future CM ministry programs and plans.

As in previous years, CM in 2019 started with an ALL Workers’ Retreat. It was important for a team of 25 CM workers to pray, to renew commitments to serve, to be empowered and to lay it all before God as we move forward to serve in different roles within the CM. At the retreat group discussion, we pondered on the question: “What does God want our church to look like 5 years from now?” The discussion alluded to different dreams, but we all agreed: to see the next generation flourish in the Lord and that motivated us to keep laboring for a good cause.

We didn't have VBS in summer 2019. It was a difficult decision yet inevitable. Summer without VBS was quiet in CM. Nonetheless this turned out to be a good pause for many CM leaders' spiritual well-being, with a temporary detachment from regular busyness.

I especially want to recognize the AWANA team for their faithful weekly commitment to serve on Friday evenings throughout the school year. Just as the acronym "AWANA" (**A**pproved **W**orkmen **A**re **N**ot **A**shamed) implies in 2Tim.2:15 *"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."*

This past year we sent off 4 lovely children who graduated to junior high. We also sent off 3 faithful, energetic youth helpers who were accepted to university studies in other cities. We miss them all and we pray that they'll remain faithful to the truth and continue to walk in the truth.

Prayer is the ministry in a ministry; and the call to prayer is serious business. May God open our eyes to the tremendous challenges faced by the new generation, therefore we need to pray and not give up (Luke 18:1) And for this, we set forth the theme in 2020 Children Ministry : **"PRAY"** (Hebrew 4:16)

Sunday TOGETHER Seedling - Michelle Wang

The year of 2019 has been a busy and fun year for the Seedling class.

We continue to use “The Little Children’s Bible” as the curriculum. We taught the kids through a series of chronological stories that make up the big story of God’s love and redemption of people. Every Sunday, the Seedlings and Sprouts begin the class together with worship in songs led by youth. After the worship, the Seedlings go to their own class to continue the study. It has always been a joyful time for the whole class to learn about God, to share their own stories, and to build friendship altogether! In 2019, there have been six regular students and five visiting kids joining the class.

As always, the Seedlings participated in the church-wide combined worship on Christmas and Easter, and they took part in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox to share God’s love with kids in need and spread the Good News to the world.

God continues to bless the Seedling class with dedicated workers. We have Feng, Hao, Jing, Joseph, Kaitlyn, Karen, Yonghong and Yunli who faithfully serve in the class. Thanks to Sister Salina for her enthusiastic leadership in the Children Ministry, and the brothers in the Property for their diligent work to provide us with a comfortable and safe environment.

We are also thankful to the parents that bring their kids to class and work with us to cultivate faith in the children’s hearts.

In the new year, we will continue to partnership with families to teach the kids the Word of God, to help them build a solid foundation for their faith. Pray to God that He will bring more kids to the class. Please continue to pray for the Children Sunday school, and pray for our teachers that we have perseverance, passion and joy in serving the God.

Sunday TOGETHER Sprout - Amy Kong

Wow, time flies, this was already my 7th year of coordinating the Sprout class! The children grow up so quickly and our hope is that they form and grow in their faith before they move on from this class. In 2019 we had an average of 8 children throughout the year and continued the “To Be Like Jesus” series. The focus was on what it means to love God and how to be more like him in our daily walk. The children learned about how God provides us His Word, the Holy Spirit and the gift of prayer to grow in our love

for Him. We are also grateful for our university students who continued the lessons about prayer throughout the summer.

In the fall, four girls graduated from the class and have moved on to YF. It was not that long ago that some of them were just starting grade 2! It has been wonderful to see how God has shaped their faith and we hope they will continue to build on their foundation from the Sprout class. May they grow deeper in their relationship with God and learn to put their faith into action in YF. As well, one child moved up from the Seedling class and Jade joined our teaching team. Both Salina and I welcome her enthusiasm and new ideas. She has helped send out weekly emails to encourage parents to review the lessons with their children and ask them questions about what they learned on Sunday.

The children also participated in corporate worship, at Easter a few girls presented a song with Rosena Zhuang (YF) and at Christmas the children read scripture for the call to worship.

As we look ahead, we know that with the age gaps in our church there will be fewer (or even no) children moving up each year. We trust that God will provide more children to our church and ask that you partner with us in prayer. May we not only pray that He provides more children but that he transforms the lives of the children attending and that they grow in their love for Him and others.

Friday AWANA – Roger Yip

The Awana program started its 2019 year on September 20 and will run until June 12, 2020. The program is into the third year of the new four year curriculum and the schedule was adjusted so the whole of book 3 will be completed by the end of this term. In terms of manpower, there is a full complement of 9 leaders covering Sparks, T&T and games. In September, 13 children registered, 12 in T&T but only 1 in Sparks. As well, a number of friends attend for classes and special events. The numbers are down from last year as 5 clubbers graduated to YF and there are no new church children following. The major events to outreach to family and friends so far include Fall Fest in October, Awana Family night in November and Christmas Celebration in December, with a number of visitors attending the events. Looking forward to the new year, we are preparing for the Awana Grand Prix car race in February, Awana Games in March and the closing celebration in June.

Missions - 2019 Objectives and Activities

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

a) Organized missionaries' sharing during their visits to Ottawa and CCCO:

- May 5 (Evergreen Family Friendship Service) – Ed Ward shared in the English Sunday Service on “Faithful Followers: Evergreen in China”. Jonathan Lee shared in English Sunday School on “Obedience to the Lord’s Call”.
- July 7 Carmen Ewing shared with 3 congregations on her transition from Wycliffe Bible Translator to supporting Spencer Ewing as church planter among Portuguese-speaking immigrants in Greater Philadelphia. He shared at the English Sunday School ‘On Becoming Disciple-Making Disciples’.

b) CCCO’s Missions Awareness Months (July to October):

- June 27-28 Missionary Samuel Mo shared with our Young Career Group and preached at English and Cantonese Sunday Services.
- September 15 Missionary Solina Chy shared in English and Mandarin Sunday Services.
- Oct. 20 Missionary Shaun Liu preached at Mandarin Sunday Service.
- Oct. 27 Shaun Liu preached in the English Sunday Service and shared in Cantonese Sunday Services

c) Enhancements to the Missions Bulletin Board (2nd floor hallway) and improvements to Missionary Newsletters and Ministry updates.

- Posted bilingual (English & Chinese) missionary updates when available.
- Posted bilingual Missions Summary and Highlights.

2. To support Missionaries, Short-termers (STM), Missions Organizations, and Great Commission Theological Foundation (GCTF)

a) Missionaries - We thank the Lord for the opportunity to support these missionaries financially and in prayers: Alice Chen, Solina Chy, Janet Holden, Jonathan and Cara Holden, Spencer and Carmen Ewing, Sam Mo, Jazz and Hope Li, Ruby Yan, Fiona Lee, Shaun Liu, Dan and Li-Ann Chong, Steve and Susan Zhang.

Our supported missionaries have been regularly sending us ministry reports and newsletters.

Please refer to the Missions Bulletin Board (2nd floor hallway). The Sunday Service bulletins also contain the ‘Pray for Missionary’ items for congregations to remember their needs in prayers.

b) Short Term Missions (STM)

- Ouje (O.J.) in Northern Quebec – 9 youths went to hold a summer camp for the Cree First Nations youths, June 29 - July 6. The team was led by Jethro Cheung, CCCO’s Student Ministry Worker, and supported by volunteered adults.

- Short Term Missions in Canada and Overseas - Isabelle Lam to East Asia, April 29 to June 6. Monica Ma to Northeast Asia, July 8-28. Rachel Yip attended Pioneers Candidate Orientation Program, November 11-15.

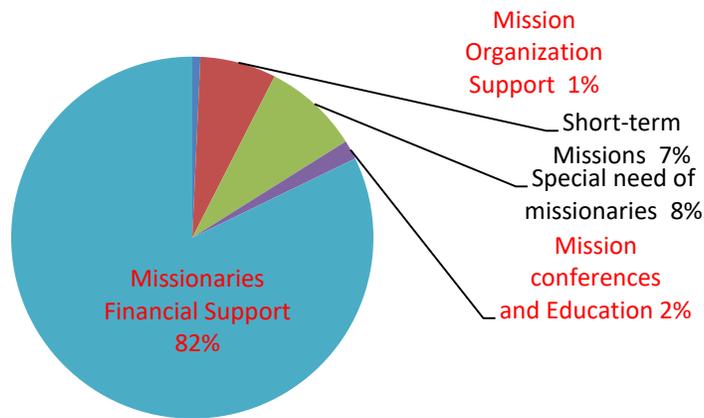
c) Missions Organization

Mission Halifax - to establish a new church on the Halifax Peninsula.

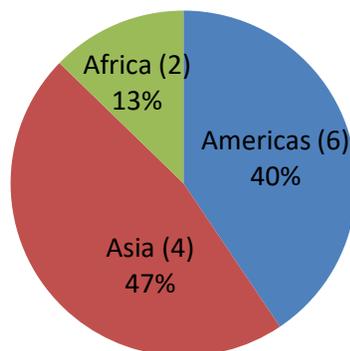
d) Great Commission Theological Foundation (GCTF)

Since inception in 2014 until Dec. 31, 2019, the total amount of GCTF collected is \$130,712.50.

2019 CCCO Missions – Actual Budget Breakdown (\$69,869)



2019 CCCO Missions - World Regions Served in 2019 (Supported missionaries: 12)



We thank the Lord for what He had done in 2019 CCCO's missions and community outreach as the Missions Committee collaborated with ministry pastors, Church Boards, and 3 congregations. During the year, the Missions Committee had also significantly reduced some of the non-committed expenses due to the church deficit and will continue to exercise prudence in financial management of our resources.

The Missions Committee members in 2019 are Frederick Cheung, George Kong, Joseph Lam (resigned in November and moved to Whitby, Ontario), Patrick Ma (Chairperson), and Pastor Jin Chong (Advisor).

May we continue in 2020 and beyond to work together in fulfilling God's Great Commission and Great Commandment by practicing deeds of mercy, loving God and our neighbors, and spread the Good News!

Community Outreach - 2019 Objectives and Activities

To engage our congregations on Biblical teachings of social responsibilities by practicing deeds of mercy, compassion in loving our neighbors, and sharing of the Gospel.

a) Partnership with Ottawa Community Ministry groups

With Gracious Light Christian Centre (GLCC) for outreach events, including Cantonese gospel drama and the Inter-Church Devotional Meeting on October 18-20.

b) CCCO Community Programs

- Cambridge Street Public School
 - Support their 2nd annual shoe drive in April-May; collection of GENTLY used shoes to raise money for books, field trips and special workshops for students.
 - Collected toiletry items for 11 Christmas baskets for low income school families.
- Shoe Box Packing Party on November 17 Sunday; Packed 8 boxes on behalf of church members who are not able to do it.
- Food Drive – Thank God we met our goal of 20 boxes of non-perishable food in November- December for distribution to charitable organizations (Ottawa Food Bank, Cornerstone Housing for Women and St. Luke's Table)
- Inter-church Softball Ministry – The CCCO team of 24 players conducted regular Bible studies and Gospel outreach activities for some non-believer players.



Renewal Church

Rev. Joshua Wang

In Ottawa as it is in heaven.

This prayer should cause our hearts to soar.

May our church family continue to pursue Jesus wholeheartedly, live empowered by the Spirit to inspire and equip those around us to join God in the renewal of all things.

As we reflect on the past year, we thank God for all who pray and support us, the leadership and coaching of our Task Force, the prayerful support of CCCO, and the continued guidance and support of C2C Collective.

Stories of Redemption

A highlight this year was our Christmas celebration. 109 people joined us as we rejoiced in the advent of Jesus Christ and witnessed Melissa, Pam and Adam enter the waters of baptism!



These sisters and brothers shared their stories of redemption, detailing the saving work of Jesus Christ and how he continues to transform their lives. We share the privilege of walking alongside them as they continue to pursue Jesus in community. Following the service we shared a delicious meal provided by the church family and enjoyed a white elephant gift exchange.

The Common Christian Experience

The vast majority of the body of Christ is made up of lay people, faithful sisters and brothers who are spread out in the marketplace, in almost every imaginable profession. Yet the church often hears from clergy whose daily call looks different than most other vocations. I had the privilege to host a panel (which we hope will be a habit) called “*The Common Christian Experience*.” From their own unique careers and perspectives, Joel, Chris, Paula and Oscar were able to provide the congregation a glimpse of all the diverse ways in which God has called us to live and work. It was a meaningful time of engagement where we learned that Jesus is our blueprint, but the ways and opportunities in which we can live out our faith differ depending on the nature of our vocations and gifts.

Teaching the Scriptures

It has been said that the world makes great disciples, the rhythm and flow of culture feeds our consumerist desires. There is a constant temptation to prioritize our own pursuits and preferences over what God desires for the world. Through various voices, the Renewal community is committed to teaching the Word of God, the alternative way of living life centered on Jesus and equipping our people to live like Him.

We began the year with the theme of 'Transformed.' We emphasized that the goal of discipleship is to be formed like Jesus, which takes effort and determination. As Dallas Willard teaches "*grace is not opposed to effort. It is opposed to earning.*" Through Lent and Easter, we journeyed through the gospels. The Lectionary helped us explore the books of Colossians, Hebrews, Amos, 2 Timothy, 2 Thessalonians and a meaningful Advent.

A year of expansion

By God's grace, 2019 was a year of expansion. We began the year with a move to the Good Shepherd Anglican church, and they have been welcoming and gracious to us! The move provided more space for our growing church family.

Our formation groups welcomed several new people as well. These groups have been a safe space where seekers, skeptics and people from all walks of life can feel at home and cultivate a healthy curiosity about Jesus. We commit to gather on a weekly basis for meals, socials, as well as meaningful interactions with the Bible. We believe that in the kingdom of God, no one needs to wear a mask. Loving people means we care about others and extend grace in the challenges of life.

As the year comes to a close, we thank God that our leadership began the process of searching for yet another space to accommodate our evolving needs for the future in 2020.

Sundays, Life together and Fellowship Dinners

Each Sunday, we engage in habits that elevate our hearts, souls, minds and strength in ways that remind us of who God is and who we are in Him. Our volunteers continue to amaze each week, serving, with excellence, creativity and innovation.

We had an average weekly attendance of 63 (76 in December) individuals over the course of the year, as believers, seekers and guests alike gathered for worship and community.

Our hospitality team engages visitors in such a way that strangers become friends. The music team consciously thinks about the songs that teach us robust faith and moves our souls. As our community has been blessed with more children, the team has also grown and they work hard to ensure that the children grow in their imagination and love of Jesus Christ. Sisters and brothers teach us to pray and hear God, chair our services, set up and pack up each week.

Since we began, we committed to feast together every single Sunday. Sisters and brothers open up their homes during the week and after Sunday services so the various formation groups can gather as a large family. We also continued our tradition with our summer picnic and our third annual Fall Retreat. Over 60 people were able to participate in a weekend of fun activities, free time, meals and Sunday worship!

Life on mission

The call to live on mission and make disciples remains central in the DNA of Renewal Church. The challenge is to keep this understanding that God is always at work. How can we partner with Him and develop these habits in our daily lives at home, in the marketplace and our neighborhoods.

Sisters and brothers continue to invite neighbors and colleagues into our homes and church. We developed schedules to help provide for families both in and out of church who struggled to keep their heads above the water during seasons of bereavement, newborn children, and other difficult circumstances. We hosted various events like clothing swaps, painting nights and recreational gatherings.

Leadership evolution

As our community grew, we felt that it was the appropriate season to shift from a “launch team” to a different leadership model. We launched our first Leadership Collective and regular Story and Prayer Nights. This move facilitated sharper focus in regards to strategy, vision and leadership as well as providing a venue to invite those who have joined the mission of Renewal church to participate, share stories and pray for the mission of God in our city.

Throughout 2019, potential elders along with the Task Force prayed, read, studied and engaged in the lengthy process of discernment. The process of selecting our first Elders continues into 2020 as we wrestle with the reality that an elder is not primarily what you do but who you are. Each candidate can share how it has been a challenging process but that God is teaching and shaping us in the journey.

Barrhaven pastors continue to pray together and build deeper partnerships as we desire to see this neighborhood encounter Jesus and flourish.

Our prayer is that our renewal family would faithfully pursue Jesus with our whole being, that we would eagerly seek to know him better and live empowered by the Holy Spirit to inspire and equip the people around us to participate with God’s renewal in the world. May it be.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Joshua Wang
Lead Pastor

We are very excited to celebrate CCCO's 30th anniversary this year. This also brings some challenges as the Membership Department has been tasked with organizing the main 30th anniversary celebration activities. This is in addition to the regular responsibilities within the year. By the grace of God and the wonderful help from many brothers & sisters, we experienced the unity within the body of Christ and counted many blessings that God has given CCCO in the past 30 years.

Besides the 30th anniversary celebration events, the Membership Department also coordinated baptism and membership transfer during the Easter and Christmas combine worship services. We are particularly excited that several brothers & sisters were baptized this year while others joined the church by membership transfer.

The following are highlights of the various events in 2019:

- 30th Anniversary Celebration – June 1-2
- Baptism – April 21(Easter) and December 22(Christmas)
- Membership Transfer – April 21(Easter) and December 22(Christmas)

Since 2018, the Membership Department has been responsible for handling church usage/rental by external groups. The Chin Christian Church has been using our church facility for their regular Sunday services as well as other special events. In 2019, two other groups (Ottawa Chinese Oriental Chorus Group and Gracious Light Christian Centre) have also used our facility for some of their gatherings.

30th Anniversary Celebration

The main activities for the 30th anniversary celebration were held during the June 1-2 weekend. On Saturday, June 1, we had an Anniversary Celebration Fair in the afternoon where many brothers & sisters showcased their hobbies, talents and skills. We had many workshops and activities such as Origami Club, Chinese New Year Pastry Cooking, Praising Dance, Worship Music 101, Intro to Tai Chi, Gardening, Fantastic Bakery, Magic for Children, Dumpling Making as well as Snack Cooking & Apron Making. It was a fun-filled afternoon where we discovered the talents of many brothers & sisters. We then had a potluck dinner with all 3 congregations as well as their invited guests. Everyone enjoyed the many varieties of food and the fellowship with one another. It was followed by a trivia where we gave out many prizes.

On Sunday, June 2, we had a combined worship service with all 3 congregations. We invited the Renewal Church and many brothers & sisters from the Renewal Church joined us to celebrate our anniversary. In fact, Pastor Josh Wang shared with us during the combined service the latest news from the Renewal Church. We all participated in the Lord's Supper together as one body of Christ. Once again, we took a big group picture with everyone to remember this special occasion. Light refreshments were served after the combine service and everyone had a wonderful time of fellowship with each other including many visitors and old friends.

I would like to specially thank the 30th Anniversary Planning Team for their efforts in organizing all the events. Their dedication and commitment are very much appreciated. We have Emily Wong, Michael Yip, Chunsheng Li and myself, representing Children Ministry, English Ministry, Mandarin Ministry and Cantonese Ministry, respectively.

Church Membership

The membership department, together with our church secretary, is responsible for maintaining the church membership records. These membership records are very important for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) as well as the special congregational meetings in establishing a quorum and the list of eligible voters.

In 2019, our membership is around 200 members. In particular, brothers & sisters baptized, transferred, and promoted to glory are listed below.

Baptized: Zhiming Chan, Qi Chen, Zhibao Huang, Desen Guo, Rena Li, Simone Shang, Yue Xing, Seon Him Yip, Li Juan Yu

Membership Transferred: Bing Hai Chen, Juian Chen, Yuen Cheng, Ming Hua Hong, Hao Lee, Fanxiang Zhang, Wenhong Zhou

Promoted to Glory: Dian Fong, Moon Hung Yan, Seon Him Yip

Benevolent Fund

The Benevolent Fund is intended to help brothers and sisters in Christ who are going through crisis and financial difficulty due to job loss, accident, severe illness, bereavement etc. and would need financial help to cope with the basic necessities of life.

This year, we did not provide assistance to any individual or family in the church.

Fellowship Lunch

As with previous years, we are thankful to Kitty Ma, Mr. Kan and their team of helpers for preparing the various fellowship lunches and refreshments throughout the year. This year, we are very grateful for the help of other ministries in stepping up to help in this area. Together, we have prepared fellowship lunches and refreshments for all the major celebrations such as Easter and Christmas, as well as before our AGM meetings.

Church Picnic

Due to the 30th anniversary celebration activities, this year's church picnic was cancelled.

Thankful and Blessing

We want to express our sincere thank you to all the pastoral staffs, board members, ministry leaders as well as brothers & sisters from various congregations for their support and participation in the various activities and events. May the Lord greatly bless each one of you for your faithful service.



In 2019, the Property Department consisted of Benjamin Yeung, Dejun Guan, Charles Ma, Tim Lee, Frederick Cheung, BaoHua Zhang, Wilson Hui, Kevin Jiang, Pui Fan Ng and Tonny Lui as members.

Building Projects :

The Property team focused mainly on church repair and maintenance. To avoid wasting investment, large renovation and upgrade projects were not considered because the church will be rebuilt.

As planned from 2018, we implemented the HDMI solution in the main sanctuary video projector system.

The wall between rooms 202 & 203 in 118 has been removed and we now have a bigger multi-purpose room.

Due to the lack of use of the church nursery in room 205 in 116, and the fact that the small kitchen on the 2nd floor in 116 was quite crowded when used as a Sunday school room, the function of room 205 and the kitchen has been swapped.

Room 102 in 116's basement has been renovated for the Mandarin worker Michael Lee.

Maintenance and repair:

The fence on 118's drive way was replaced due to weathering.

A temporary railing was set up for 116's front steps to complete the work started in 2018.

The Uflows on 116's roof were replaced to prevent leaks due to heavy rain.

Sections of the main sanctuary's ceiling were repaired/repainted due to water leak in 2017/2018.

The lock for 116's basement sound room was replaced with an electronic lock for easier access.

In 2019, the Communication Department consisted of Baohua Zhang, Richard Ho and Charles Ma. The team was responsible for doing weekly updates of the church website to provide the latest church news and sermons.

In June 2019, the team discussed about the need to improve on the church website by moving to a state of the art platform, which turned out to be WIX. We had asked for representation from the Children Ministry and the English Ministry, and finally we had Ralph Lee and Kenneth Ho joining the team.

The team had completed the Children Ministry portion in September and they demonstrated a draft version of the new website in the December board meeting. Then will continue with the effort to finish the product and put it into production early in the new year.

Since CCCO is spanning over two buildings and covers an area of around 18,000 square feet, we tried to increase the wi-fi coverage to every part of the CCCO buildings. In 2019, we deployed three additional Google wi-fi routers for a total of 6 Google wi-fi routers, forming a fully meshed wi-fi network and providing one continuous wi-fi coverage for CCCO users within the two buildings.

In 2019, CCCO has added Michael Lee to the church staff. The Communication Department worked with the Property Department to prepare a room for Michael and set up the computing and telecommunication facilities for his office.

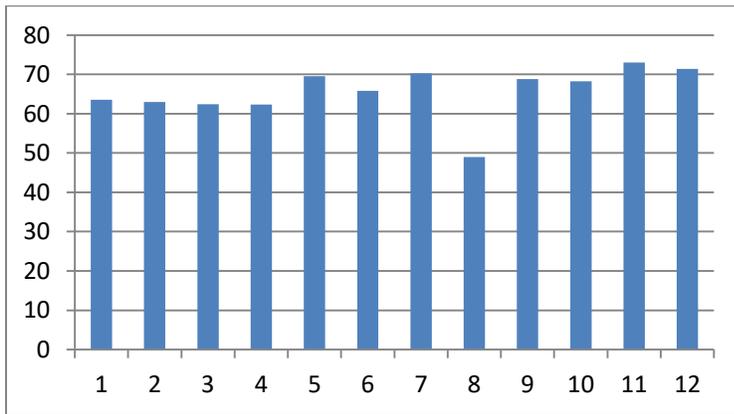
The church board is still seeking a co-ordinator for the Communication Department in 2020. I am sure that the new co-ordinator will get all the supports he need from the team and there will be a smooth transition into the position.

Graphs of Church Attendance and Offering

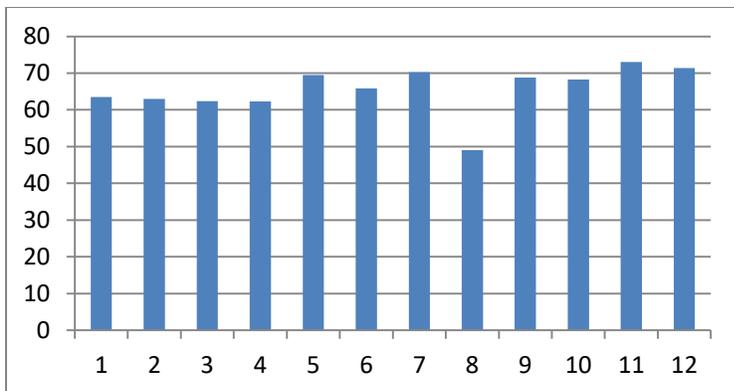
Sunday Worship Service

Weekly Average Attendance in a Monthly

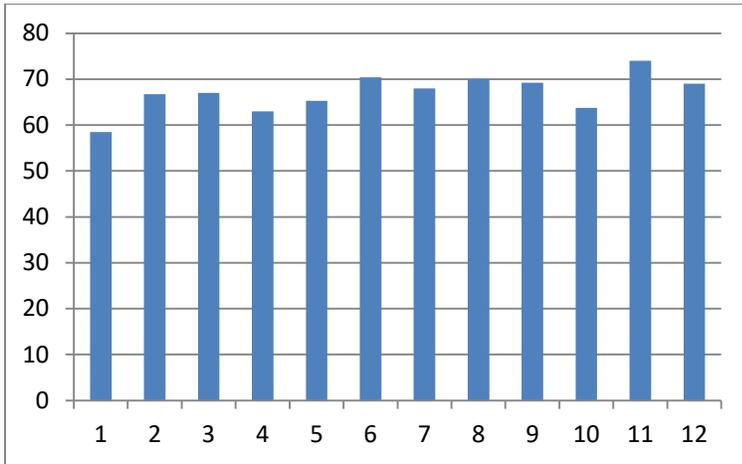
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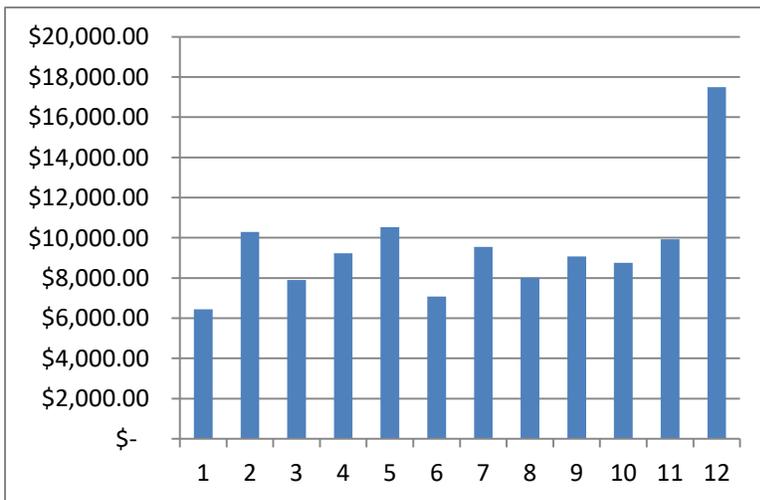
Mandarin



Cantonese



Weekly Average Offering in a Monthly



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