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Intentional Disciples Making Conference

Chinese Christian Church of Ottawa 2018 Discipleship Ministry



As you have heard from the pastors and lay leaders, the Chinese Christian Church of Ottawa (“CCCO”) has adopted the Discipleship Ministry as the highest priority for the Church’s ministries in 2018. The Elder’s Board formed the Discipleship Ministry Team last year with the mandate to guide CCCO to be a disciple-making church.

This update from the Discipleship Ministry Team will share with our congregation the discipleship ministry plans specific to CCCO’s three congregations, youth ministry and children ministry. Many of the planned items are already underway and will continue until completion.

These plans came about as a result of the Discipleship Ministry Team’s discussions with the ministry core groups and their pastors. The Team shared what it means to be a disciple and discussed the 3-stage disciple making plan: **(I) Come and See; (II) Come Follow Me; and (III) Be With Me.**

The Team also provided the ministry core groups and pastors some details on the characteristics of each stage of a disciple. These characteristics were published last year.

In this update, the Team will share some of the specific disciple-making goals and plans that each of the congregation pastor/core group has prepared so that you are aware of what each congregation is doing in the Discipleship Ministry. The update also enables you to pray more earnestly for the Discipleship Ministry at CCCO.

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Disciples



Be with me (Mark 3:13)
Be trained and Lead others to become His disciples
- Equipping -

OUR MISSION

A Disciple is one who learns to be more like Christ, lives under His lordship, and leads others to become His disciples

BE A
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MAKING
CHURCH

How can I help others to move to the next stage?
How can I move to the next stage?
Where am I?

Come Follow Me (Mark 1:17)
Learn to be like Christ and live under His Lordship
- Establishing -



Come and See (John 1:39)
Receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord
- Evangelism -

Seekers

There are five sets of goals and plans from each of the Cantonese, Mandarin, English, Youth and Children Ministry team.

After the Discipleship Ministry update, there is information on CCCO's Discipleship and the Great Commission Conference to be held on July 28, 2018. Please save the date for this special Conference.

Lastly, a very unique disciples-making meeting will be held in Toronto on September 28-29, 2018. The special one-time event is organized by CCCOWE ("Chinese Coordination Centre of World Evangelism"). The Elders Board strongly encourages our congregation to attend the event. You will find more information and a poster on this event at the end of this update.

CCCO DISCIPLESHIP PLANS

English Ministry

Come and See (I)

Gospel Introduction

General ministry

Introduction to peer group

Personal relationship with church member

Invite to small group and/or worship service

Invite to special fellowship event (potluck dinners, picnic, coffeehouse)

Come Follow Me (II)

Gospel Progress

General ministry

Sunday school

Walking in discipleship with mentor

Junior High (Gr. 7-9)

New City Catechism

High school (Gr 10-12)

Gospel-centered Life for Teens

University College Fellowship (ages 18-21)

Year one: Gospel Identity (World Harvest Mission or "WHM")

Year two: Gospel Love (WHM)

Year three: Gospel Growth (WHM)

Year four: Living in light of the gospel story (WHM)

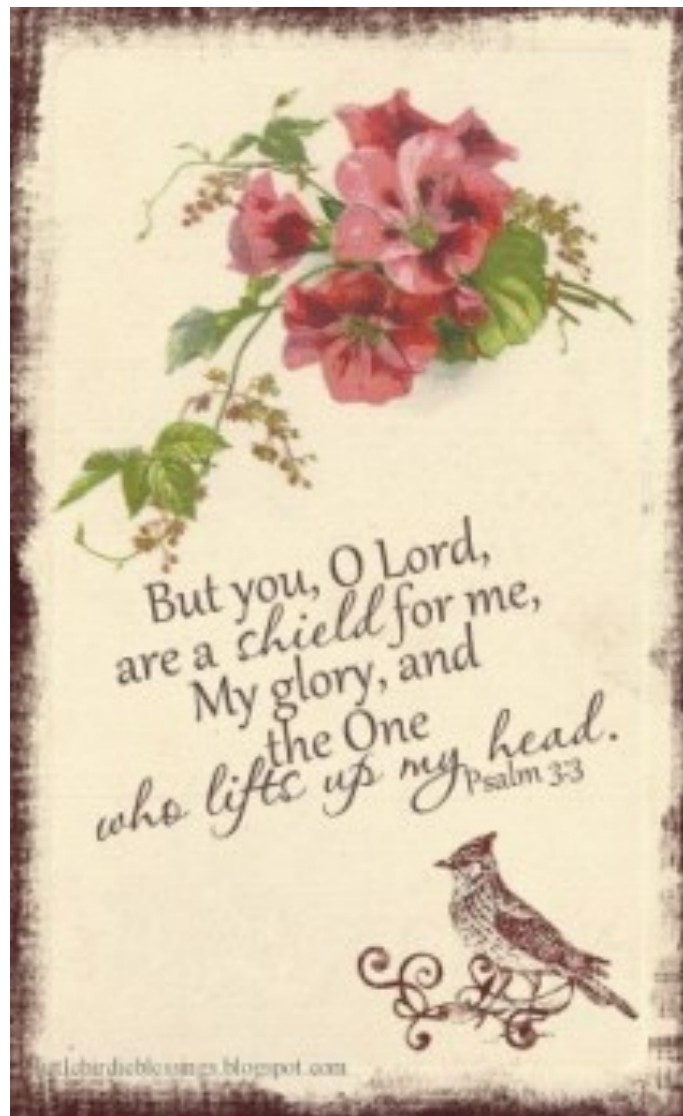
Adult (22 years of age and above)

Gospel-Centered Life (Thune and Walker)

Gospel-Centered Community (Thune and Walker)

Gospel-Centered at Work (Thune and Walker)

Gospel-Centered Parent (Thune and Walker)



Be with Me (III)

Gospel Advancement

General ministry

Mentor training

Leadership development

Mandarin Ministry

Theme: Proclaiming the Gospel of Subverting Life

Goals

1. Equip 50% of our congregation to have their personal testimony ready and share in the worship by the end of December
2. Train 2-3 persons with Evangelism Explosion (EE) and actively doing personal evangelism with EE training by end of June 2019
3. Produce level 1 and level 2 discipleship-training materials by the end of Sept 2018.
4. Target and Train 2 persons to do level 1 to level 2 discipleship training (Follow up Work) by end of December 2018

Come and See (I)

Action Plan 1: To equip 50% of our congregation to have their personal testimonies ready and share in the worship by the end of December:

- * Prepare materials to help congregation to know the outline of their personal testimonies by May, 2018
- * Continue to make plan and arrangement for people to share their testimony during Sunday Worship
- * Recruit a team leader(s) to follow up and encourage brothers and sisters to sign up to prepare and share their testimonies by the end of year

Come Follow Me (II)

Action Plan 2: For Training 2-3 persons with Evangelism Explosion (EE) and actively doing personal evangelism with EE training by the end of June 2019:

- * Recruit teacher and prepare to offer EE class for 2-3 persons in May 2018
- * Target 2-3 persons and recruit them by June or July 2018
- * EE promotion and recruiting in June
- * Run EE Class from November 2018 to June 2019

Action Plan 3: For Produce level 1 and level 2 discipleship-training materials by the end of September 2018.

- * Pastor Gary will produce in house level 1 and level 2 discipleship-training materials by the end of September 2018

Be With Me (III)

Action Plan 4: For Training 2 persons to do level 1 to level 2 discipleship training (Follow up Work) by end of December 2018:

- * Target 2 potential persons to do Follow-up Discipleship training by June 2018
- * Promote and recruit 2 persons to do Follow-up Discipleship training in June or July
- * Run Discipleship Training Class from July to December



Cantonese Ministry

Current Situation:

- * 2 men have completed the Discipleship Essentials
- * 1 men's discipleship group with 5 men using the Discipleship Essentials
- * 1 men's follow-up group
- * 1 ladies' follow-up group
- * 1 ladies' one-on-one discipleship
- * Core Group members are going through the Leadership Essentials

Goals/Objectives – Plans for 2018

Come and See (I)

Bi-weekly Evangelistic Bible study

Objectives:

- * Present the Gospel and encourage non-Christians to trust in Christ
- * Train newer believers in Gospel outreach

Prime: Three members

Plan/material: Bi-weekly gathering at the home of the non-believers

Follow-up with New Converts

Objectives:

- * Follow-up with a new believer so that he can be grounded in the faith and learn the basics of Christian life, e.g. commitment to the Lordship of Christ, doing daily devotion, praying and reading the Bible, etc.
- * On-the-job training for one member to do follow-up and discipleship

Prime: Pastor Francis

Plan/materials:

- * Weekly/bi-weekly gathering at church
- * Eight Lessons on Follow-up)
- * Believe in baptism/Essential truth

Come Follow Me (II)

Men's Discipleship Group

Objectives:

- * Practicing the basic disciplines of Christian life
- * Gaining understanding in basic Christian doctrines
- * Cultivating Christian virtues
- * Learning to use one's gifts and resources to serve Christ
- * Equipping to be a disciple-maker (at the end of the current curriculum, 1 or 2 will be able to lead others to go through the studies)

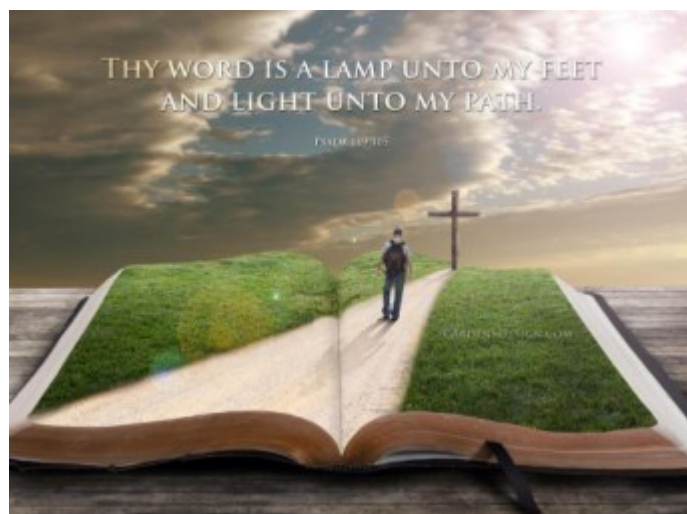
Prime: Pastor Francis

Plan/materials:

- * Bi-weekly gathering in home with 5 brothers
- * Discipleship Essentials

Women's Discipleship Group

Objective: Formation of 2 women's discipleship groups



Prime: Cantonese Core Group/ Pastor Francis

Plans:

- * To work with a sister to transition the existing follow-up group into a discipleship group
- * To assist a sister to develop the 'ad hoc' women Bible study group into a discipleship group/follow-up group

Be with Me (III)

On-the-job training for Core Group members

Objectives:

- * Provide a forum for team building and mutual encouragement
- * Sharpening our understanding of Christian leadership

Prime: Cantonese Core Group/ Pastor Francis

Plans:

- * Monthly gathering for prayer and study
- * Leadership Essentials



Start 'Second generation' Discipleship Group

Objective: Encourage and help a brother to start discipleship group

Prime: Pastor Francis

Plan: Monthly informal gathering for ministry, encouragement and prayer

Other

The Cantonese Core Group will work to formalize a discipleship training curriculum from follow-up to leadership training. While going through a curriculum on discipleship by no means guarantees a person will become a disciple, nevertheless, a curriculum is necessary and helpful at this stage of our development in providing guidance, direction and structure to the discipleship ministry.

Preliminary thoughts for 2019

- I. Come and See - Continue to form follow-up groups for new converts
- II. Come Follow Me - Increase the number of Men and Women discipleship groups to 5
- III. Be with Me - Conduct quarterly gatherings of disciple-makers for equipping and mutual encouragement

Youth Ministry

A disciple is one who learns to be more like Christ, lives under His lordship, and leads others to become His disciples.

Come and See (I)

Attraction and Evangelism

- * Inviting AWANA graduates to continue attending Youth Fellowship ("YF") and Youth Sunday School
- * Reaching out to new youth through current youth fellowshippers inviting their friends
- * Communicating with the three pastors to introduce the youth ministry to new families with teenagers
- * Using special events (e.g., Coffeehouse and Retreats) and regular programs (Bible studies and games nights) to introduce newcomers to the love of Christ and the message of Christ

Goal: Through the Friday and Sunday programs, every youth that attends YF will have an opportunity to find community, *and* through hearing the Gospel, to find faith in Christ.

Come Follow Me (II)

Establishing Basic Christian Habits

- * Friday Bible Studies (usually twice a month): these studies are designed to address relevant topics from a Christian (biblical) perspective
- * Youth Sunday School: throughout the year, the class will go through different books of the Bible (Old and New Testaments) as well as some topical lessons
- * Youth will be encouraged to read their Bibles, pray, and attend fellowship
- * Youth will be encouraged to find accountability with their peers
- * Youth attending Friday fellowship will be encouraged to attend Sunday worship
- * Youth who have made a profession of faith will be encouraged to consider baptism

Goal: Through regular Bible Studies and fellowship, every youth would be growing in their understanding of the Gospel and in their spiritual disciplines (the Word, prayer, fellowship).

Be with Me (III)

Training and Deployment in Leading Ministry

- * Identifying youth to be trained and to serve as praise leaders, activity leaders, and small group leaders in YF
- * Identifying youth to take on leadership roles for Coffeehouse
- * Providing a short-term mission opportunity for the youth (Ouje-Bougoumou)
- * Encouraging youth to not only invite their friends to church, but to actively share their faith with their friends (evangelism training will happen throughout the year)
- * Leadership Retreat in January: providing an opportunity for the youth to learn about their spiritual gifts and to contribute to the ministry plan for the following year
- * Discipleship Week in August: having a week-long time of fellowship and Bible study, as well as a community service project

Goal: By the time a youth graduates from YF, they will have had the opportunity to steward their gifts by serving in different capacities; they will have also received training in sharing the Gospel.

Children Ministry

From CCCO mission statement, the definition of ‘disciple’: A disciple is one who learns to be more like Christ, lives under His lordship, and leads others to become His disciples.

God has ordained two institutions to fulfill this calling to disciple children—the church and the home. This installation is also integrated into the new Children Ministry (“CM”) core value. Therefore, the 3 stages of discipleship in CCCO mission statement if to apply on children inevitably demand:

1. Partnership with parents
2. Teaming up with each congregation to assist and support parents to nurture the spiritual growth of their children
3. Stages of a disciple according to CCCO Mission Statement – “Be a Disciple-Making Church”

The following are the 3-stages of the CM’s discipleship plan. The statements shown in *italic fonts* represents items to be realized after 2018. All statements in regular fonts pertain to 2018.

Come and See (I)

Children from non-believers’ families come in contact with CCCO mainly through Friday AWANA program and summer VBS.

Goals

- * Expect 20% of children are new kids in AWANA and VBS each year.
- * Gospel will be presented to each new kid who attends CCCO’s children’s program regularly within the first year in

AWANA or during VBS week.

- * Through CCCO Children Ministry programs children will not only know and learn about the Word but also God who gave us the Word, and opportunity to receive Jesus as Savior and Lord.
- * New kids' families will be contacted and connected to the respective language congregation after they attended AWANA for 2 months or after the VBS program finished as follow up.

Action Plan

AWANA

- * Recruit sufficient leaders before the start of school year with the help from each congregation pastors to identify potential leaders from their congregations.
- * Promotion of AWANA
 - To design an AWANA package for new comers
 - post on social media: comefromchina.com
 - encourage present AWANA parents and congregation to invite new families
 - *door to door distribution of AWANA package in neighborhood community*
- * All leaders receive training on 'How to share gospel message to kids'
- * Leaders to attend the biannual Ottawa Children Ministry VAULT conference in 2018
- * Gospel message will be presented in AWANA three times through the school year term
- * *AWANA commander develops strategic plan to follow up on new families with help from respective language congregation pastors.*

VBS (Vacation Bible School)

- * A hired position to coordinate VBS
- * Promotion of VBS – as in AWANA
- * Ensure a clear gospel message in VBS material
- * VBS coordinator to plan and conduct follow-up on new families with help for respective language congregation pastors.

***Come Follow Me* (II)**

Children Ministry's 2018 Theme set as: Teach what is in accord with sound doctrine. (Titus 2:1) -- which is to prepare the next generation to stand as faithful disciples, through strong doctrinal teaching of the whole counsel of God.

"Come Follow Me" is a Disciple Formation Stage for the children who attend CCCO regularly with their parents. This



is primarily carried out through Sunday TOGETHER program (**Seedling class** JK – Gr.2 and **Sprout class** Gr. 3 – Gr. 6), special programs (Easter, Christmas etc.) and summer Sunday program.

Goals

- * All children learn one song each month while they participate in children worship every Sunday.
- * Children who take part learning the Catechism every Sunday will be able to recite 15 questions and answers by the end of 2018
- * Evidence of Spiritual formation in every Grade 5/6 kids who participate the summer “Practices of Discipleship for Children” course. Also assess through the completion of a personal profile before and after the 6-sessions course.
- * Partnership from parents
- * All CM workers are well aware of the 2018 CM theme
- * *Seedling class children will learn to love God, love His Word and love each other.*
- * *Sprout class children will gain an understanding of the gospel message and ready to make a commitment to the gospel calling*

Action plan on children discipleship, a 3-fold approach:

- * Systematic teaching on the whole counsel of God using God-centered curriculum as teaching resource on the Sunday TOGETHER program.
 - * **Seedling class** is using curriculum from the D6 Ministry. D6 is based on the principles of Deuteronomy 6:5-9, and provides resources to align the church and home to accomplish God’s design of generational discipleship. We follow their curriculum scope and sequences. ①
 - * **Sprout class** will finish the curriculum on ‘God Promises’ by the end of June. New curriculum will start in September from Children Desiring God’s ministry publisher. The theme is “To be like Jesus”, learning the nine elements of the Gospel message, and the doctrine of sanctification. ②
- * Teaching children Bible Truth based on the catechism for young children. Children (Gr.3 – Gr.6) will learn and memorize the “Catechism” every Sunday starting in Sept. 2018. Solicit parents’ support to help children to practise at home. ③
- * Practices of Discipleship: base on a six-lesson course helps children to growth and practice in the 8 areas – Missional Encounters, Personal Spiritual Practices, Community Spiritual Practices, Personal Relationships, Shared Experiences in Community, Witnessing and Storytelling and Lifelong Learning. Will introduce this course to grade 5/6 children first time this summer (2018), then evaluate to plan for next two years. To train up leaders to teach this course.④

Action plan on CM workers/leaders:

- * To mentor potential University/college students as CM leaders to teach on Sunday TOGETHER program
- * All CM workers/leaders learned of the 2018 CM Theme at the CM all workers retreat in Jan. 2018
- * All leaders after high school are mandated to complete the CAPPP training and obtain a police security check according to CAPPP.
- * Training on ‘how to share gospel with children’ to all CM leaders/workers
- * Further training for all CM workers from attending the biannual Ottawa CM VAULT Conference 2018
- * to identify potential CM leaders to be trained to teach the Practice of Discipleship course(in Summer)

Be with Me (III)

This stage depends more on the partnership with parents for the continuation of faith building and discipleship practice of what the children learned in previous stages.

① D6 curriculum <https://d6family.com/d6curriculum/>

② ‘To be like Jesus’ curriculum from Truth:78 (former Children Desiring God Ministry) www.truth78.org

③ First Catechism – Teaching Children Bible Truths , Great Commission Publications www.gcp.org

④ “Practices of Discipleship for Children” curriculum, Community of Christ, Independence, Missouri, USA www.CofChrist.org

Goals

- Missional involvement: write to missionaries, pray for missionaries
- Increase number of families each year practising regular family worship at home
- All grade 3 and up children are to join the English worship on Sunday preferable with their parents.
- Grade 6 children readiness to move onto youth group to be strong and active participants equipped with knowledge in the Bible
- Children demonstrate continue growth in faith and disciple practice of what they learn in stage 2, i.e. decision to take baptism, regular personal daily devotion, know how to share Jesus with friends
- Children to serve within their capacity: on Sunday worship, helper in younger class, in respond to community needs (e.g. packing Christmas shoe box)

Action Plan

- * To subsidize registration fee and encourage all children ministry workers/leaders to attend training available in Ottawa.
- * To coordinate opportunities for children to serve
- * To coordinate with mission committee to help children to get to know more of our church supported missionaries
- * To encourage children to read more on biography of famous missionaries
- * To invite all grade 3 and up children's parents to worship together with their kids on Sunday. Provide resources and support to parents.
- * To coordinate with Youth worker for the transition of grade 6 children to YF during the summer months.
- * *Aiming one-to-one (leader to child) follow up on the spiritual growth of the children. To identify and contact adults/youths with the passion and willing to be trained.*
- * *To introduce and encourage family worship at home: provide workshop, resources*
- * *Each congregation pastors to identify potential families to encourage and to participate in this family worship initiative*

Prayer request

Pray for Children Ministry leaders who are serving in AWANA and Sunday TOGETHER that God would increase their passion to serve, and also potential leaders can be identified to be further trained and mentored. Pray for parents to understand their honorable role to partner together in an earnest effort to teach the Word of God to their children, to teach and role model worship to their children. All together that the children are not only to know the Word but also the Word giver.

Discipleship and the Great Commission Conference

The Mission department together with the Elders Board are organizing a CCCO Discipleship and the Great Commission Conference on Saturday, July 28, 2018. It will be led by the Holdens (our missionary in Africa). Please save the date and prayerfully consider attending this Conference.

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| 9:30 – 9:45 | Opening | |
| 9:45 – 10:45 | Discipling the next generation / Inter-generational discipleship (E) | How to make disciple-making the DNA of our church? (E/M) |
| 10:45 – 11:00 | Recess | |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | How to make disciple-making the DNA of our church? (E/C) | Discipleship Today (E/M) |
| 12:00 – 12:40 | Lunch Break | |
| 12:40 – 1:40 | How to make disciple-making the DNA of our church? (E) | Discipling the next generation / Inter-generational discipleship (E/M) |
| 1:40 – 2:00 | Prayer Concert | |

E – English; C – Cantonese; M – Mandarin

Descriptions of the Workshops

Discipling the Next Generation / Inter-generational Discipleship – The responsibility and how-to of parents/grandparents/older adults to help disciple children/grand-children in the Lord according to the Deut. 6:4

How to Make Disciple-making the DNA of Our Church? – Essential elements and practical steps in transforming a traditional program-oriented church into a disciple-making church.

Discipleship Today – What are the needs and challenges of discipling those in their 20's and 30's who grow up in a digital age. (E.g. how to teach Scripture memory to those who have not learned to memorize the multiplication table).

Holden's family biography

In 1985 Janet Holden and her late husband, Jim Holden, were invited to Angola to train Angolans for church leadership. After 17 years training leaders through teaching in an interdenominational seminary and discipleship ministry in local churches, they started evangelism and discipleship in the market place through a professional development center that has as its focus on teaching English as a second language.

Over the years in Angola, the family has grown. Janet is a mother of five adult children and grandmother of four grandsons. Together with Janet, all of her adult children - Paul, Esther, Daniel, Elizabeth and Jonathan continue to make their contribution in the Angolan context in various sectors of the community, aside from their involvement in evangelism and discipleship training. The Know How Professional Development School they operate and which provides programs for toddlers, children and adults currently has more than 500 students. Last year, they moved into the first phase of their own facilities and trust God for the required funding to complete the building project.



Intentional Disciples Making Conference

The conference is hosted by Chinese Coordination Centre of World Evangelism ("CCCOWE"). Rev. and Mrs. Edmund Chan will be the speakers. Rev. Chan is a renowned speaker in this topic and has many years of experience in shaping his church to be a disciple-making church. The conference is entitled Intentional Disciples Making Conference, 2019 Toronto. Anyone interested in disciples-making is strongly encouraged to attend.

Here are additional information and poster about the Conference:

In order to implement this important ministry of discipleship training, Canada CCCOWE will join several major churches and denominations in the Greater Toronto Area to invite Rev. Chan from Singapore to Toronto to hold the "Intentional Disciple Making Churches Conference" from September 28 to 29 this year. The theme is "A Certain Kind". The number of participants in the conference is 1,000. Now more than 600 people have signed up. Please continue to pray. Registration details can be found on the Canada CCCOWE website: <http://www.cccowecanada.org/pdn/idmc2018/>.

Dates and Location

Date: September 28-29, 2018 (Friday & Saturday)
Time: Friday - 8:30am ~ 5pm / Saturday - 9am ~ 4:15pm
Place: Toronto Christian Community Church
Address: 100 Acadia Avenue, Markham, ON. L3R 5A2

Rev. Edmund Chan is one of the most sought-after expository preachers in Asia and around the world, and is recognised by many as having the exceptional gift of making complex things simple. His insightful biblical teachings have been well-received in many parts of the world, resulting in speaking invitations three to five years in advance.

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IDMC CONFERENCE 2018 TORONTO

Date: Sep 28 - 29, 2018 (Fri & Sat)

Time: (Fri) 8:30am ~ 5pm / (Sat) 9am ~ 4:15pm

Place: Toronto Christian Community Church

Address: 100 Acadia Avenue, Markham, ON.

Conference Fee:

Free for Pastors & full-time seminary students

| | Before April 1st | April 1st or later |
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| Single | \$90 | \$100 |
| Groups of 5 | \$80 / person | \$90 / person |

Registration Deadline: Sep 15, 2018

Speakers: Rev. Edmund Chan

Pastor Ann Chan

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