

# 2018 Annual Report

CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF OTTAWA

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The Church Board has approved the following 2018 portfolios

<b>Portfolio of Elders Board</b>	<b>Member</b>
Chair	Lapkin Ip
Co-chair	Wilson Hui
Secretary	John Chan
Cantonese Ministry	Pastor Francis Wong
English Ministry	Pastor Jin Chong
Mandarin Ministry	Pastor Gary Tse
Children & Youth Ministry	Salina Yan
Renewal Church	Pastor Josh Wang
<b>Portfolio of Deacons Board</b>	<b>Member</b>
Chair	Wilson Hui
Treasurer	Paul Leung
Membership	Arvin Chung
Personnel	Linda Ma
Communication	Baohua Zhang

**Elders Board appointed workers**

Student Ministry Worker: Jethro Cheung

Property: Maintenance Operation: Kevin Jiang

Projects Planning & Budgeting: Charles Ma

Mission and Community Ministry: Patrick Ma

Receivable: Iris Lau

Payable: Maria Ma

Representative on Renewal Church: Oscar Cheung, Eddie Yan

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Mandarin Ministry	Pastor Gary Tse
Children Ministry	Salina Yan
<b>Portfolio of Deacons Board</b>	<b>Member</b>
Chair	Arvin Chung
Treasurer(Appointed)	Morris Zhang
Membership	Arvin Chung
Personnel(Appointed)	Michael Wang
Property	Tonny Lui
Communication (Appointed)	Charles Ma

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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

## **Elders Board**

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Lapkin Ip

As I reflect and prepare this report, I like to first thank God for His provision and His protection in 2018. We are thankful for all for the dedication, love and care of our staff and many of our brothers and sisters' sacrificing efforts to serve God in our church community. We praise God for bringing all three congregations together for a well-organized Christmas worship to celebrate the birth of Jesus and to witness the baptism and membership transfer of brothers and sisters. We are very thankful for God's protection of the incident of the roof leakage and no one was hurt when the light cover felt down from the roof during the Christmas worship. It is a very clear reminder/signal that we definitely need to pray and to take action to address the need of our church building in the coming years.

We started the year to have all of us praying together that the Holy Spirit will touch us and help us as a church to be reminded of His great commission and great commandment; and to be inspired and moved by His spirit to have a heart to learn to be like Christ, to help other to know Christ and to grow in Christ. We have a mission to make CCCO a disciple making church. Though we are still long way to go, we thank God that we got off the ground with each of our congregation Core Group and ministry team to layout their disciples making plan and continue to march forward in this direction. In addition, we thank our missionary Jonathan Holden and his family to lead us in a series of discipleship workshops and sharing their experiences of disciples

making. We also had all our Pastors and a team of brothers and sisters attending an Intentional Disciples Making Conference in Toronto.

In addition to our existing ministry plan to make disciples in CCCO, we feel that the current church building will need to be upgraded to allow us to effectively carry out our Mission. We are thankful that the Building Committee has completed a report on the future church building facility. The report identifies the future needs of our church building and has a preliminary assessment on the cost of relocating to a new location as well as the cost of rebuilding in our existing location. As a church, when we think of the future of the church building facility, we ask ourselves what is the demographics of people whom we have a passion and burden to reach out and to serve in the future? What are the areas of ministry that we have a passion or burden to serve with the future church building facility? While we have different opinions about the future location of our church, we are lacking a clear united vision and passion of the people and the ministry of what God want us to serve as a community of 3 congregations church. In order for us to arrive a united decision on the future location of our church building facility, there is a strong need for us to pray for God's guidance of a united vision and passion of the target demographics and the ministry that God wants to do.

At the Christmas worship in 2015, our church prayed for Pastor Josh and the Renewal Church launch team as they started out to plant the Renewal Church in the Barrhaven Community. We are very thankful for their progress and their missional spirit of reaching out to bring people to Christ and to help them to follow Christ as His disciples. Starting in 2019, the Renewal Church has received their charitable organization status and starts operating as an independent church. May our Lord continue to provide and lead them to be a blessing to the people in their community!

With the lack of both elected Elders and Deacons in 2019, we are also once again be reminded that we desperately need to make plan and take action to nurture and equip our younger people and to review and adjust our process and structure to meet the needs of our church.

After a lengthy search for a Mandarin Ministry worker to help expanding our ministry especially in reaching out and minister to the Mandarin Speaking international students, we are thankful to have Mr. Michael Hao Lee accepting the call to come to serve with us in this capacity starting in July 2019.

As we look forward to celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we pray that our Lord will renew us to be His true disciples, to intentionally equip new leaders in our midst to further His Kingdom and to reveal to us a united vision and passion of the people we want to serve and ministry we want to do in order to guide us in the direction of the future church building facility.

“Go and make disciples of all nations....” Matthew 28:19

## **Cantonese Ministry**

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Rev. Francis Wong

By the grace of the Lord and the faithful dedication of the brothers and sisters of the Cantonese congregation, the Cantonese ministry was able to continue in 2018 and made progress in some areas.

Brothers Eddie Yan and Arvin Chung have been co-ordinators for the worship ministry for many years. In 2018, Sister Iris Lau joined and became one of the worship co-ordinators. Three worship teams took turns to lead worship each Sunday, plus the ushers, greeters and sound controllers, all together there were close to thirty brothers and sisters serving faithful so that we could worship God every week. As the average age of Cantonese congregation continued to rise, many elderly people were inconvenient to participate in worship. In 2018, five members of the Cantonese congregation have been promoted to glory. The average attendance of Cantonese Sunday worship was about 70.

In addition to the Sunday worship, the evening worship on the fourth Wednesday night of each month has been going on since 2014. The purpose of the evening worship is to give those brothers and sisters who are working on Sunday the opportunity to participate in worship. The average attendance last year was 25 people. Although the number of people has not increased, the participating brothers and sisters were very stable and have grown both in their faith and service. A sister who was baptized in 2018 attended the evening worship regularly and has begun serving as usher and Scripture reader. This ministry was able to continue to this day because of more than a dozen loyal supporters, especially members of the Evening Service Team: Pei Ying Gin, Sylvia Leung and Charles Ma.

The Caleb Fellowship met on the second Saturday of each month. Although some of the older brothers and sisters could not attend as usual, the members were able to invite many non-believers to the Fellowship. There were more than ten non-believers at most of the Fellowship gatherings. The Cantonese seniors are a gospel of field waiting to be harvested. In view of this, Mrs. Bor Gee Eng suggested to us to hold social and recreational activities to reach out to friends who have not believed in the Lord. The idea received strong support from Tim and Betty Law, Yan Yan Ho, Mrs. King and Mrs. Dana Chan. From May to November, we held a party called "The Leisure Teahouse" from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on every other Wednesday. The gathering included: social networking, health information, singing, fitness activities, etc., and a simple lunch. Every time between ten to twenty people attended, and about a third of the participants were non-believers, and they all enjoyed the fun! We give thanks to the Lord for Mr. and Mrs. Eng who despite their health challenges have such a great burden for sharing the Gospel with others. We plan to continue this ministry in 2019, so please pray!

Under the leadership of Grace Hui and the committee, the Joshua Fellowship arranged different programs every month in order to achieve mutual care, spiritual growth, ministry training and gospel outreach. The Fellowship program emphasized in



interactive participation. The four groups of the fellowship were responsible for different parts of the fellowship program, such as: singspiration, snack, etc.

In 2018 we were able to maintain two classes of Sunday school. The adult class has finished studying the Book of Romans and are studying the Parable of Jesus. Under the careful guidance of Brother Vincent Leung, a dozen of brothers and sisters looked forward to the weekly Sunday school with eager expectation. In addition, Sister Julia Choi patiently taught a group of seniors who not only gained understanding of the truth of the Bible, but also applied the teachings of the Bible in daily life.

Under the leadership of the Elders Board, the Cantonese ministry strived to promote discipleship training in the following areas:

- Stage 1 – Come and See (evangelism)
  - Two evangelistic Bible study groups are still in progress, and the friends are still seeking, but they have not yet made a decision to follow Christ.
  - At the end of the year, the Gospel Visitation Teams were formed. It was co-ordinated by Leon Cheung and there were eight brothers and sisters participating in this ministry. The purpose was to systematically follow up on the unbelievers who had participated in church activities.
- The second stage - Come Follow Me (maturity)
  - The men's discipleship group, which has been in operation for a year and a half, is close to completing the "Discipleship Essentials" course.
  - A sister is doing one-on-one discipleship with a sister. Another sister, who had completed an initial follow-up course, had been baptized.
- The third stage – Be with Me (equipping for service)
  - The Cantonese core team prayed and studied regularly every month. In 2018, we completed the "Leadership Essentials" workbook. We continue with a book study on discipleship.
  - Pastor Wong is mentoring a brother on an individual basis to help him continue to learn and grow in ministry.

**Caleb Fellowship -- Rossalind Chen**

Caleb Fellowship is a group of Cantonese speaking fellowship who care for one another in faith and life, every second Saturday of each month from March to December, the Caleb fellowship gathering were held at the church basement at 11am. The July event was held at the Lord's Garden, in August, the fellowship members joined the church picnic. In this we are very grateful to the staff who work together to make the fellowship run smoothly. Special thanks to Mrs. Yan Yan Ho and her life group team members who prepared delicious and healthy lunches for us every month. We are also very grateful to Allison Lau for working faithfully in the financial service, special thanks to Tony Lui and Iris Lau in their hymn singing preparation. May God bless them all!

#### 2018 activities and thanksgiving matters:

1. Eight indoor gathering with average attendance of 50 people.
2. Two outdoor gathering L July event held at the Lord's Garden, Picnic in August.
3. Seven invitations to special guest speaker for testimony and sharing: we wish to thank them for their sharing.
4. A game sharing hosted by Joseph Lam and Eric Ling in July gathering.
5. Fellowship members gave thanks by offerings and supplied lunches a few time: Those who give willingly is loved by God, May God bless them all.
6. At the end of October, it was agreed by all members of fellowship that \$3000 were donated to church miscellaneous use.
7. Rest and Peace: March, Mr. Tang Bei Run; April, Mr. So Pei Chi; July, Mrs. May On Yan; December, Mrs. Zheng Jin Yan.
8. Please pray for brothers and sisters of the fellowship who are living in retirement homes, may God grant them physical health and peace in their heart.

#### 2019 - 2020 Staff

Chairperson: Betty Law	Vice Chairperson: Yan Yan Ho
Treasurer: Allison Lau	Assistant Treasurer: Shirley Kan
Secretary: Rosalind Chen	Assistant Secretary: Tin Wing Lau
Caring: Wai Chee Lai	Assistant Caring: Po Chun Yee
Communication: Ching Wah King, Sok Fong Chong	
Life Group Team: Hin Lun Kan    Assistant: Man Chun Wong	
Members: Suk Yin Wong, Blenda Cho	
General Affairs: Tong Lui, Eric Ling	
Advisors: Rev. Francis Wong, Tim Law and George Kong	

## English Ministry

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Rev. Jin Chong

I am grateful for another year to experience God's grace in our ministry. I am encouraged to see that our members are growing in their understanding of what it means to be a community of faith.

This past year we were blessed to see three of our couples celebrate their weddings – Allan Lo and Jessica Li, Stephanie Ko and Jethro Cheung, and Tim Lau and Andrea Yu. We also grieved with those who lost loved ones over this past year. All in all, these highs and lows remind us that God's grace is faithful and powerful no matter the circumstance.

### **Sunday School**

We have been using the Gospel Shaped Church curriculum to help guide us in developing a better understanding of what we should be as a congregation. Past topics have been worship and outreach. This past year we recently completed Gospel Shaped Living. This subject helped us to see who we are as a church in a world that has a different perspective from the Christian community. We use the video and the discussion time to engage each of our small group ministries. This coming year we hope to address the topics of work and mercy.

### **English Ministry Team**

We are so grateful for John Chan to have served as an elder for CCCO for two full terms. He has been vitally important in the leadership of the English congregation and also the whole church. He will be stepping down as an elder and also from leadership from the EMT. We are also thankful for the faithful work of Levia Chan, Kathy Law, Ralph Lee, Baldwin and Cecile Toye, Brandon Toye, Michael Yip, and Allison Yu. We spent much of our time during this past year wrestling and praying for a vision for our ministry. We feel that "to know Christ and to make Him known" will be the guiding thought for our purpose and ministry.

I am also excited to have Jethro Cheung join our EMT and involve our leadership more actively in the ministry over our youth. Jethro's participation will also help us see the challenges and needs of our college ministry (UCF).

### **New Members**

It was exciting to receive new members through transfers - Su Jin Chong, Kenneth Ho, Ralph Lee. Each of them has already been very active in supporting the English congregation. It was a blessing to lead them through the membership process. During the Christmas service it was also a blessing to see Robert Mah, Joseph Zhang, and Rosena Zhuang share their testimonies and be baptized before the entire church.

### **2019 Theme – People of the Word**

I am encouraging our congregation to get back into their Bibles. “People of the Word” is our theme for this coming year and 2 Timothy 3:16-17 will be our focus. This Bible verse talks about how profitable the Word of God is for God’s people. I hope and pray that as we read our Bibles throughout this year not only will we become more familiar with God’s Word but learn to see that there is much wisdom and help that is provided in the Bible for us as people of faith.

## **Preaching the Gospel subverted my life**

We began to study a character in the gospel - Zacchaeus, of how his life been subverted by the gos

pel "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." (Luke 19:8). This gospel is originated from our Lord, Jesus Christ, who first came to seek for the lost. "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:10). He bought us from darkness to light, from being the slave of sin to slave of righteousness, from being lost to be found, treasured and children of love. In addition, He subverted our emotions, behaviours, thinkings and will, so we can acknowledge Him as our Lord of life, and follow Him momentarily. Besides, Sunday sermon, brothers and sisters are encouraged to write their own testimony of how God has subverted their lives. There were over 10 brothers sisters shared their testimonies in Sunday Worship. Others are moved by their testimonies.

In July, God encouraged us through the Holden's family testimony, God enlighten us to see the interaction between the Gospel, caring and discipleship. Because of that, we have some advancement in our ministries. The average worship attendance in the last half of the year has reached 83.

### **Senior Ministry**

Our seniors are vibrant and active, they have weekly singing group at their senior buildings besides regular Sunday school and worship on Sunday. They were encouraged by the theme:

Preaching the Gospel subverted my life, 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. In December, they had prepared a musical drama, testimony and hold evangelistic meeting at the 4 seniors buildings. They performed 4 times in a week in 4 different senior buildings under extreme cold winter weather, and over 200 seniors heard about the love of Christ. Praise to His Name.

### **Friday night evangelistic outreach**

From Sept onward, the Friday weekly evangelistic Bible Study group has finished leading all their members to Christ, and yet did not see any new comers. God led us to use Alpha Parenting Teenagers course to attract new people. By His grace, 28 people shown up, the leaders were faithfully and loving leading these groups. They came every Friday to learn and share the difficulties of parenting teenagers. 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 Ministry on Friday**

Young People Fellowship meets on Friday · and it was led by a few adult workers in the last 5 years. In the beginning of Sept, a few mature young Christian are willing to commit to plan, promote and execute this ministry. The first Young People Ministry Committee was formed, they are Jessica, Grace and Andy. Pastor Tse led them to meet and pray every 2 weeks for the young adult fellowship. This is a kind of a relationship build through discipleship model. We have an average of 12 to 15 attendants every Friday and we are thankful that Mr. Michael Lee will soon come to assume his position as Mandarin Ministry Worker in July. Mr. Lee will spend most of this time in young people Ministry.

### **Training to share the gospel**

In order to encourage brothers and sisters to share the gospel, we have two 2-hours training held in November. Over 24 people attended and we had great sharing and discussion on how to share the gospel. In addition, this gatherings became the catalyze for the 6 brothers sisters who later committed to join “Evangelism Explosion” Training in Jan to Jun 2019.

### **Christmas celebration outreach**

Over 140 attended our Christmas Celebration on Dec 24th. Hot Pot dinner is our signature dinner. Young people initiated to practise music, dance and drama since September for this event. The gospel drama was especially encouraging to the audience to reflect on the meaning of life. More of all, seniors and English young people and children’s musical performance was great too. Christ is preached and may God be praised and gloried.

### **Thanksgiving**

The Core group is faithful, unified, and willing to commit; the small group leaders are bold in caring and connecting; 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. I am especially thankful to the Christian Education committee as they served faithfully, and accomplished the 3-year-plan to offer survey courses of the whole Bible. Please see the following table for details.

Mandarin Ministry Adult Sunday School 3 years plan to finish study the whole Bible

Date	Bible Books	Teachers
<b>2014:</b> Sept to Dec	NT- Romans	Pastor Gary and Jiping Zhu
<b>2015:</b> Jan to March	Systematic Theology	Pastor Gary
April to June	NT- 4 Gospels	Jiping Zhu
Sept to Dec	OT - Torah	Long Feng
<b>2016:</b> Jan to March	NT - Acts	Jiping Zhu
April to June	OT - Minor Prophets	Pastor Gary, Youlian Pan, Long Feng and Lisa Tse
Sept to Dec	NT - Paul writings 1	Pastor Gary, Youlian Pan, Long Feng, Zhou Hui, Lisa Tse
<b>2017:</b> Jan to March	NT - Paul writings 2	Jiping Zhu, Youlian Pan, Long Feng, Zhou Hui, Chun Sheng Li, Pastor Gary
April to June	OT - Major prophets	Jiping Zhu and Long Feng
Sept to Dec	NT - Revelation and Hebrews	Pastor Gary and Lisa Tse
<b>2018:</b> Jan to March	OT - Peters' and John's writing	Jiping Zhu, Wang Hao, pastor Gary
April to June	OT - Wisdom Literatures	Pastor Gary, Wang Hao, Youlian Pan, Long Feng

*“Abide in me.”*

The words of Jesus echo through our minds as we consider all that the Lord has done in 2018. May the Spirit extend our roots in the love of Christ, and deepen our capacities to make ourselves more at home in Him.

Our prayer is that brothers and sisters would find Jesus more captivating than every competing narrative of culture and that people around us would discover the same. As we look towards a new year, we want to take time to express our sincere gratitude for the generous support of CCCO and the Multiply church planting network.

## **Interaction with the Scriptures**

The world is constantly at work teaching us how to live and pursue her desires. Through the preaching collective, brothers and sisters continue to be committed to teaching Scripture, the alternative way of living life centered on Jesus and equipping our people to live like Him.

In the past year, we journeyed through Jonah, the gospel of John during Lent and Easter, Acts, the Psalms of Ascent, 1 John and closed the year with our Advent series.

## **Sundays, Retreats, Formation Groups and Fellowship Dinners**

On Sundays, our Renewal family practices habits that engage our hearts, souls, minds and strength in ways that remind us of who God is and who we are in Him.

We are blessed by the efforts and creativity of volunteers who lead the children, lift our hearts in musical worship, make us feel connected through hospitality, chair our services, set up and clean up, and help us pray and hear God. We had an average weekly attendance of 45-50 individuals over the course of the year, as believers, seekers and guests alike gathered for worship and community.

Following our Sunday worship each week, various families from our community open up their homes to gather and feast together; creating opportunities for the lives of the various formation groups and the community at large to intersect.

Christmas was a wonderful time of celebration - we held a morning service and 76 people were able to hear the gospel, share a delicious brunch (prepared by brothers and sisters) and participate in a gift exchange.

Located throughout the city, our formation groups continue to gather on a weekly basis for meals, fun activities, as well as meaningful interactions with the Bible. We are encouraged by the growing number of brothers and sisters who are opening up their homes as spaces to build relationships, share vulnerably, dialogue and equip one another.



With regards to retreats and activities, we held our second annual Fall Retreat in October. 68 people were able to participate in a weekend of fun activities, free time, meals and Sunday worship!

In the summer, we spent a day at Rideau Provincial Park with many of our friends and neighbours for our church picnic. We also had the opportunity to set aside time to participate in listening prayer retreats. Prayer often seemed like a monologue and there was a meaningful desire to cultivate habits that help us hear God.

## **Life on mission**

We are beginning to have a wider vision for how every man, woman and child in Renewal Church participates with how God is already at work. Our church family continues to develop a heart for missional living, intentionally starting spiritual conversations at work, in the neighborhood parks and inviting friends into our homes.

Sisters and brothers had the opportunity to coordinate meals for families both in and out of church who struggled to keep their heads above the water, for people who were unable to leave their homes due to physical pain, and for sleep deprived parents who welcomed new children into their families.

Thanks to our incredible children's ministry team, we are seeing children develop hearts for God, inviting their friends to church, and in one specific case, witness a mother who accompanied her child be compelled to purchase a Bible for her son.

We celebrated the births of numerous children and began practicing child dedications as the community desires to learn to walk alongside parents in raising children to know and love the Lord.

In the Fall, we hosted the Alpha course where our team faithfully prayed and invited friends. Though the course was not as well attended as hoped, we are thankful for the eight seekers who attended more than once and for meaningful spiritual dialogue that took place and continues on in various relationships.

Several couples in the Renewal family were blessed by a relationship seminar two years ago which helped couples understand, identify and meet the emotional needs of their partner. In November, eight more people from our community were able to participate with one couple describing the seminar as a catalyst for greater flourishing in their family!

## **Long-term goals**

In 2018 we began the process of identifying potential elders and are currently working alongside the Task Force in the lengthy process of discernment and transition.

I continue to meet with neighborhood pastors each month to pray for our neighborhood and build partnerships as we desire to see Barrhaven reached with the gospel of Jesus.

As disciples, we believe our calling is to make disciples, to help people around us encounter the love of Jesus and to learn to follow Him. Our growing renewal family continues to lean in to this calling in their homes, workplaces, and neighborhoods.

Grace and peace,  
Rev. Joshua Wang  
Renewal Church Pastor

**Student Ministry Worker**

Jethro Cheung

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I am always reminded that student ministry is a short but important part of our students' lives. YF continues to be an environment for youth to discover the Gospel and to build a faith foundation. Many of our youth have gone on to serve in campus ministries, on the mission field, and in local churches, including CCCO. Although we might not get to see completion of their faith journeys, we hold on to the promise that He who began a good work in [them] will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ (Philippians 1:6). Please join in prayer that our students will experience the faithfulness of God during their time as students and as they continue as adults.

One of the highlights of 2018 was a personal one – Stephanie and I were married on July 22, 2018. Thank you for supporting the youth ministry, and for supporting us personally. It has been an exciting and joyful transition into married life, and we look forward to continuing to grow with the CCCO faith community.

YF continues to meet every Friday evening for fellowship. Our regular program consists of Bible studies, activities, and major events throughout the year, such as retreats, Coffeehouse, the Ouje mission trip, and a discipleship week. 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.

We welcomed well over sixty guests at the YF Coffeehouse at the end of April, during which the youth had an opportunity to welcome their friends to enjoy an evening in a church environment. I was especially encouraged this year to witness the intentionality of the youth in sharing their faith and ensuring that the message of the Gospel was shared throughout the evening.

We were able to go on a retreat in March at Galilee Bible Camp. The retreat focused on the theme of "hope". Through Hebrews 6:19-20, we saw how Jesus is the foundation for Christian hope. Through Philippians 1:20-26, we learned that hope in Christ assures us that we are united with Christ in life and in death. Through Revelation 21:1-4, we looked forward to our future hope of eternity.

A team of thirteen youth and six adults went on the Ouje-Bougoumou Mission Trip this year. Most of the youth were returning to Ouje for a second, third, or fourth year. We had the opportunity to meet and minister to seventeen campers this year. Many of them were attending the Teens Camp for the first time. Despite many small and big challenges (e.g. a power outage), we are confident that God used us to plant the seed of the Gospel in the hearts of the campers. Please continue to pray for the campers and the community of Ouje – that they would experience the hope found in Jesus.

During Discipleship Week in August, we went through a portion of Tim Keller's Reason for God material. We used the video discussions to explore three important questions: (1) what is the Bible?; (2) Is there only one way to God?; and (3) why does God allow suffering?.

Please continue to pray for our students and the adult leaders involved in the youth ministry. We are waging a spiritual battle against Satan and his schemes as we minister to the youth. But thanks be to God, that victory has been won by Jesus.

## University and College Fellowship

Ralph Lee

UCF has gone through several changes throughout the past year. I have joined Jethro and Stephanie in serving the university and college students, and that has allowed us to share and balance the tasks and responsibilities involved in UCF. Also, we started hosting UCF at Jethro and Stephanie's home starting this school year. This has allowed us to continue UCF on a regular basis on Saturdays, giving us more time to spend with the students and on some occasions, sharing meals with them. With this, we've also given thought to a new vision for UCF that we've put into action this school year. We began by making the main focus of UCF to study Scripture together every week. We are striving to create a place where these students are equipped with the ability to study Scripture, both personally and communally, so that this may further equip them in current and future ministry work. We first studied through 2 Timothy, being taught to share in suffering, to hold onto Scripture and its truth, and to stand firm in our faith. Then, we began to look at Habakkuk to further understand and study Scripture in a different and unfamiliar context.

With these changes to UCF, we have received positive feedback and encouragement, though we also face new challenges. Pray for us as we continue to serve the students, having Scripture teach all of us its truths found throughout the Old Testament and the New Testament. Pray for the students as some of them need to travel more to attend UCF, which also lets us drive them or connect them with others that live near them. Pray for newcomers to UCF, that though it may be more difficult to attend, we've still seen them come and fellowship with us in Scripture. Lastly, continue praying for the students as they reflect their faith on campus, and that the lessons that Scripture teaches us will become the Gospel at work in their lives.

## Children Ministry

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Salina Yan

The Children Ministry (CM) continued to work under C&Y Ministry model in 2018. The C&Y Ministry core team member comprised of Salina Yan (Chair), Jethro Cheung (Youth Worker), Oscar Cheung, Michelle Wang, Pauline Wong and Amy Kong.

Children Ministry's regular ongoing children programs are Friday AWANA and Sunday TOGETHER. Roger Yip is the commander and coordinator for Friday AWANA. Sunday TOGETHER has been coordinated by Michelle Wang (Seedling program) and Amy Kong (Sprout program). The annual reports of their respective programs follow this report.

Hao Wang is the coordinator of Sunday children's snack with contribution from parents, which we are very grateful. On Sunday, the children also have 10 minutes' collective worship in music before they are divided into the Seedling and Sprout group bible classes. Mandy Hui and her team has been faithfully leading the children not only to sing but to worship in music.

In January, all CM workers got together for a half-day retreat. It was a time of team building, to refocus on the vision of CM as we were to face another year of spiritual challenge. We had 17 CM workers attended. SuJin Chong delivered a message from Titus 2:15 based on our 2018 theme "These are the things you should teach" to encourage the CM workers that we teach on right foundation, to rely on the true foundation while looking forward to His return.

The Vacation Bible School (VBS) and Day Camp in late July had 34 children, this not only brought in outreach opportunity to children, it was also a wonderful opportunity for youths to live out their faith through serving in the VBS. With children and youths coming together, the week-long VBS brought in lot of joy and energy. We were grateful for God's provision again this summer that Vivian Lam took on the summer student position to coordinate the VBS. Her enthusiasm and passion in Children Ministry was a blessing to VBS 2018.

Since CCCO has adopted "Disciple Ministry" as a priority for the church's ministries in 2018, all the 3 congregations' ministries and C&Y ministry each had therefore put together a discipleship ministry plan in 2018 in according to the 3-stage of the disciple making plan set forth by the Discipleship Ministry Team. (Ref. CCCO-Konnect 2018-07)

As stated in the CM discipleship plan, an eight-week Practices of Discipleship classes for grade 3-6 children was delivered on Sundays through the July/August months. Even though this was an initiation with expectation, yet having the classes in summer months had proven not the best time with numerous inconsistent attendance.

Also in CM discipleship plan was the teaching on Catechism which has started in September and is coming along well. In the beginning, we also sent a copy of the Catechism home as it has been our desire to encourage parents to review the children's

catechism at home as a tool in building and strengthening faith in their child. There are 150 questions and answers in the children catechism which provide a very clear and complete gospel message base on solid theology. We introduced 2-3 Q&As each Sunday to the children and by now we are up to about ¼ of the questions. We believe solid faith is typically connected to solid theology. As children grow in their ability to think abstractly, the more clearly they know theological truth the better they will be safeguarded from faulty convictions or faulty faith.

As I strive to lead the CM to follow through what we set forth in CM discipleship plan, I realized more and more the importance of relationship between the two institutions, church and home, that God has ordained to ensure the disciple and the spiritual growth of our next generation.

CM has been faithful to carry out the planned programs, to teach the biblical doctrinal truth, to disciple the spiritual growth..... If faith is simply about good teaching and proper behaviour, then the church is probably a sufficient place for children to learn that. But if faith is also understanding how to live out what we believe in real time, by the power of God's Spirit over a lifetime, then the family (Christian parents), should be the place for that!

Family, is what God intends for each generation to pass on faith to the next. (Psalm 78) Therefore, we cannot neglect the need to equip parents in their roles as spiritual parents, having a relationship with God before they know how to lead their child spiritually.

Many know it and I personally witness this happening, that young people continue to leave the church and, worse, abandon their faith. What has been our response? More programs? Better curriculum? I gradually came to the realization that faith in children is not just the right information about Christ and acting with good behaviour. But more. Everyone serving CM wants to see lives changed, that's why we are passionate about it. But I know we would be frustrated, we will go nowhere, no matter how hard we try..... if we are striving on the wrong path, miss the right way.

As I am typing this report as a reflection on 2018 CM ministry, deep down in my heart I cried out "I want more". A quote I read from the book "Dreaming of the Next Generation" -- "I want more of God in my life, and I want more of God for my children, for my grandchildren, and for the families in (children) ministry." Therefore, in 2019, I have a new plan. A plan to ask for the ancient paths – and ask where the good way is, and walk in it. (Jeremiah 6:16)

## **Sunday TOGETHER Seedling - Michelle Wang**

**In 2018, God continues to bless the Seedling class with kids and dedicated workers.** There have been nine children from JK to Grade 2 who attended the Seedling class;

five teachers: Jing Yi, Feng Long, Yunli Wang, Yonghong Guan, Michelle Wang; and three youth helpers: Chloe Chong, Elizabeth Chen, Karen Li, served in the class.

The students learned who God is and what God is like through the stories in the Old Testament and the New Testament; and also learned how to apply God's word under the difficult situations in their real life.

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; and participated the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox event to share God's love with kids in need.

Although there were not many students in the class, but we know that numbers don't tell the whole story. We focus on the children's in-depth growth in faith and teach the children to know, trust and love God.

**In [Luke 9:48](#), Christ says, "Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me." We thank everyone who supports the Seedling class and especially Sister Salina for her leadership in the Children's Ministry.**

In the new year we'll continue to teach and minister the children God has placed in the Seedling class. To give God our best effort, and Him all the glory.

## **Sunday TOGETHER Sprout - Amy Kong**

Every year God brings the children, teachers, helpers and worship leaders of the Children's Sunday School TOGETHER to grow as one body. I can see that through serving the children. I and the other ministry workers are also learning and developing in our own walks of faith. God never stops teaching us no matter how long we've been a Christian. How wonderful that is!

In 2018 had an average of 10 children attend the Sprout class with 3 moving onto YF and 3 moving up from the Seedling class. We finished the "Faithful to All His Promises" curriculum and have started a new series "To Be Like Jesus", where the elements of the Gospel message will be presented. Salina and I hope that through this series the children understand and receive God's wonderful gift of salvation and what it means to be more like Jesus. We pray that they will accept Jesus as their Saviour and delight in following him.

The catechism questions introduced in the Fall are another tool to help the children build their foundation of faith. Each week we recite a few questions covering many biblical truths. Our goal is to finish all 150 questions by the end of 2019.

As always it is special to see the children participate in the combine services and may they see the value of worshipping together as a church. The children presented the songs “Sing for Joy” at Easter and “God’s Promise Came True” at Christmas. There was also an Easter program led by Irene Liang and a special Thanksgiving program with gospel magic from George Kong.

We are so blessed to have parents and students serve the children in different capacities. We are thankful for Hao Wang continuing to coordinate the snacks and Mandy Hui coordinating the worship time. We rejoice to see some of our university students who grew up in our church returned to the Sunday School class to teach. Their love for God is evident and we hope that children are encouraged by their example of serving in the church.

In 2019 we hope to see the children “sprout” more as they grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus. May they not only grow in their knowledge of God but learn to fully trust Him in every aspect of their lives and share His love with their friends.

## **Friday AWANA – Roger Yip**

Awana started on September 14 and it has been a busy session. We were blessed with a full staff of 11 leaders from all congregations including 2 university students. The T&T group continues to thrive with 16 registered children but Sparks only has 3 clubbers. The numbers of children have declined as many Sparks have graduated into T&T and several T&T have graduated into YF .

Leader training was held at the MET this year on September 8, before the start of Awana. In the fall term, Awana held a joint Fall Fest with YF and family fun night in December. Going into the winter term, we are looking forward to the Grand Prix car race and possible participation in the regional Awana games. As we look forward to next year, Awana is developing plans to address the low numbers of Spark aged children and outreaching to the parents and the community.

## **Missions & Community Ministry**

Patrick Ma

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We thank the Lord for what He had done in CCCO's missions and community outreach as the Missions Committee collaborated with ministry pastors, workers, Church Boards, and three congregations in 2018. May we continue to work together in fulfilling God's Great Commission, practicing deeds of mercy, and loving our neighbors through words and action in 2019 and beyond.

In 2018, the Missions Committee members included Frederick Cheung, George Kong, Joseph Lam, Patrick Ma (coordinator), and Pastor Francis Wong (advisor).

Planned objectives and activities in 2018 were:

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

- a) Organized missionaries' sharing with CCCO during their visits in Ottawa

July 28 - The Great Commission and Discipleship Conference was held and presented by CCCO's supported missionaries, Janet Holden and her family (Paul, Elizabeth, Jonathan & Cara). About 80 brothers and sisters attended the conference.

July 29 - Jonathan Holden preached in the English and Mandarin Sunday Worship Service, Paul and Elizabeth Holden taught Grade 5 – 6 children Sunday School, while Janet Holden shared in the Cantonese Sunday Worship Service.

August 28 – Carmen Ewing shared with the English Congregation of her ministries with the Wycliffe Bible Translator in Philadelphia.

- b) CCCO's Missions Awareness Month (October)

Short-termers' (STMers) sharing with the Cantonese Congregation

- October 14 - Ouje Team
- October 21 - Rachel Yip

Short-termers' sharing with the Mandarin Congregation

- October 21 - Ouje Team

Short-termers' sharing with the English Congregation

- October 7 - Mandy Hui
- October 14 - Isabella Lam
- October 21 – Rachel Yip
- October 28 – Ouje Team

- c) Enhancements to the Missions Bulletin Board (2nd floor hallway)

- Redesigned the Missions Bulletin Board with the assistance of the Youth Fellowship
- Included Chinese translation to missionaries updates



- d) Christmas Letters to missionaries

Letters lovingly prepared by the children (Children Ministry) were sent to CCCO's supported missionaries and we in turn received their feedback expressing their appreciation of the church's support and encouragement.

- e) Missions Conference Promotion

The Missions Committee encouraged students and young leaders to attend the 2018 Missions Conference with the theme to find God's calling and to join the Lord's global mission locally across campus or abroad. The church provided financial support for Vivian Lam, Andrew Leung & Rachel Yip in assisting them to attend the Cross Conference 2018, January 2-5, 2019, in Louisville, KY.

2. To support missionaries, STMers, and Missions organizations

a) Missionaries:

We thank the Lord for the opportunity to support the following missionaries financially and in prayers in 2018:

Alice Chen, 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 regularly sending us ministry reports. Please refer to the Missions Bulletin Board (2nd floor hallway) for their newsletters and updates. The Sunday Service bulletins also contained the 'Pray for Missionary' items for congregations to remember their need in prayers.

b) Missions Organizations support:

C2C network, EMI Canada, SIM, missions 3D, SOBEM and Chinese Christian Herald Crusades.

c) Support seminary students(GCTF):

We supported Andy Zhu to pursue in full-time seminary studies at Tyndale University College & Seminary.

d) Short Term Missions (STM)

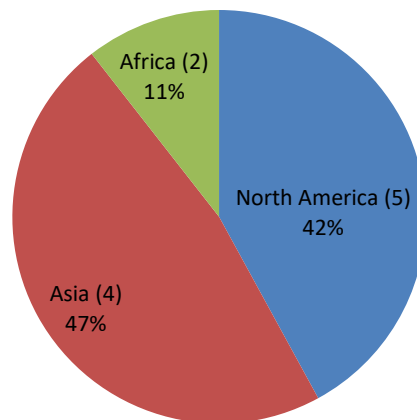
Ouje in northern Quebec (O.J.) - Six adults and fifteen youths went to Ouje to hold an evangelistic camp for the Cree First Nations youths, June 30 - July 7. The team was led by Jethro Cheung, CCCO's Student Ministry Worker, and supported by volunteered adults.

The following sisters also embarked on short term missions in Canada and overseas:

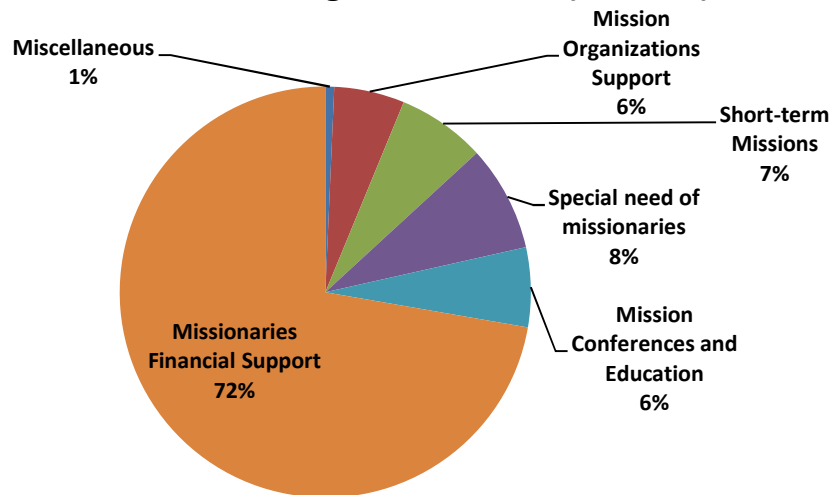
- Mandy Hui to Guelph, Ontario, April 30 to August 24.
- Isabelle Lam to East Asia, April 30 to June 12.
- Rachel Yip to Southeast Asia, May 30 to August 15.
- Eugenia Ling to Tohoku, Japan, December 2 -26.

**Region served by CCCO supported missionaries (2018)**

**Total number of CCCO supported missionaries: 11**



## 2018 Missions budget breakdown (\$72,100)



### Community Outreach:

Planned objectives and activities in 2018 were:

1. To engage 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
    - Organized church-wide fund raising in support of people affected by the September catastrophic disaster in the Ottawa and Gatineau region. A total of \$1,070 was raised and added to CCCO's donation of \$1,000 for equal payment of \$1,035 to the Ottawa Food Bank and Samaritan's Purse
    - Partnered with Gracious Light Christian Centre (GLCC) for outreach events, including the 2018 devotional meeting conducted in Cantonese (2018 年粵語培靈會).
  - b) CCCO Community Programs
    - Food Drive - collected 17 boxes of non-perishable food items between November and December for distribution to the following charitable organizations to help people in needs:
      - Ottawa Food Bank
      - Cornerstone Housing for Women
      - St. Luke's Table
    - Inter-church Softball Ministry – bible studies and gospel outreach activities for players that are mostly university students
2. To respond to social issues/concern in Canada

Assisted CCCO's Family Ministry to organize two parenting workshops on "How to talk to teens about Cannabis" (September 7 and 14).

# Membership

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Arvin Chung

I am very thankful to the Lord that I was able to serve in the Deacons Board in 2018. Due to health reasons, I have taken some time off to rest in the past few years. So I was eager to serve God and brothers & sisters again in the Membership Department. The Membership Department organized various activities this year. We are particularly excited that several brothers & sisters were baptized this year while others joined the church by Membership Transfer. Although the number of brothers & sisters participated in the church picnic were less than previous years, everyone that were there truly had a wonderful time of fellowship.

In 2018, the Membership Department has the added responsibility of handling church usage/rental by external groups. This gives me the opportunity of interacting with external groups and gain more understanding in this area.

The following are highlights of the various events in 2018:

- Baptism – April 1(Easter) and December 23(Christmas)
- Membership Transfer – December 23(Christmas)
- Church Picnic – August 11

## **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 2018, our membership is around 230 members. In particular, brothers & sisters baptized, transferred, and promoted to glory are listed below.

Baptized: Mu Ying Li, Robert Mah, Joseph Zhang, Rosena Zhang

Membership Transferred: So Jin Chong, Kenneth Ho, Stephanie Ko, Ralph Lee, Shu Chen Wen

Promoted to Glory: Chang Jun Long, Pei Chi So, Bei Run Tang, May On Yan, Ji Juan Yu, Jin Yan Zheng

### **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 were able to help one family due to serious illness with a member of their family. We will continue to care for this family and pray that God will keep and guide them in the coming year.

### **Fellowship Lunch**

We are very thankful to Kitty Ma, Mr. Kan and their team of helpers for preparing the various fellowship lunches and refreshments throughout the year. We have prepared fellowship lunches and refreshments for all the major celebrations in the year such as Easter and Christmas, as well as the Sundays when we have the AGM meetings.

### **Church Picnic**

This year, the church picnic was delayed to mid-August due to another event in the summer. We have around 90 brothers & sisters attended our picnic at Petrie Island Park. Since the picnic site is very close to the city, many brothers & sisters drove there with their own vehicles. We have also arranged a school bus to transport many people from the church to the picnic site. We all had a wonderful time of worship, fun, as well as fellowship with brothers & sisters from different congregations.

### **Thankful and Celebrate**

We would like to thank all the pastoral staffs, board members, ministry leaders as well as members of various congregations for their support and participation in the various events. Their dedication and commitment in serving the Lord are very much appreciated.

In 2019, the church will celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Membership Department, together with all congregations, will be organizing various celebration activities to give thanks to God and celebrate His goodness. Hope to see many of your at our celebration events and count God's blessing together.

In 2018, the Property Department consisted of Benjamin Yeung, Dejun Guan, Charles Ma, Tim Lee and Frederick Cheung as members, with Kevin Jiang as the Property Coordinator.

## **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 CCCO may be moving to a new location.

We did implement the HDMI solution in the basement sanctuary video projector system. This is due to the imminent phasing out of the aging VGA solution. We intend to implement the same solution to the main sanctuary in 2019.

We also implemented a fully meshed wireless network whose domain is named “CCCO” in coordination with the Communication Department. We wanted to segregate the congregation users from the church office users. The fully meshed wireless network would seamlessly allow a user to travel from one end of the building to the other end without needing to log on to the nearest local router during transit.

## **Maintenance and repair:**

Front entrance steps: Part of the front entrance steps were deteriorating badly because of the constant freezing and thawing of the Ottawa winter weather, causing the concrete to crack and disintegrate over a long period of time.

Brother Benjamin Yeung and Dejun Guan broke up large chunks of concrete to repair the broken part of the steps. They used the broken up pieces in the Lord’s Garden to create a barrier in the back corner of the Lord’s Garden for compost and also serves as a long bench for church members to use during summer. The front stair step repair was beautifully done. The only remaining part of this project is railing. It will be completed in the Spring of 2019 when weather warms up to allow Brother Benjamin Yeung to do welding work outdoors.

During the Christmas service, there was an incident of a light cover in the main sanctuary falling from the ceiling due to the water from a roof leak. With the grace of God, there was no injury to our congregation members. The problem was diagnosed as to the roof drain pipe being blocked. Our roofer and a plumbing company were brought in to fix the problem. The drain pipe blockage was cleared by replacing one section of drain pipe with plastic pipe. We will wait for better weather to carry out roof drain replacement to stop future leaks due to heavy rain storm.

2019 will be a busy year for the Property Department. We are thankful that Brother Tony Lui agrees to be the Property Deacon for the year and we look forward to work closely with him to beautify the church for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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Praise to our Lord for the guidance for our church and I am glad to have the opportunity to serve with brothers and sisters together. I would like to give special thanks to Brother Charles Ma, Richard Ho, Doka Chang, and many brothers and sisters serving in CCCO together.

Thanks to the help from brother Charles and Richard for the dedicate help and we worked together as a team to keep our [ccco.on.ca](http://ccco.on.ca) website update on weekly basis. Thanks to English, Cantonese, and Mandarin A/V team to upload sermons recordings from all three congregations each week. I would convey special thanks to the Audio/Video group in all three congregations for their great work.

Thanks to the Mission Committee for keeping the mission news up-to-date and thanks to Sister Doka Chang, who has been updating our church worship bulletin on a weekly basis.

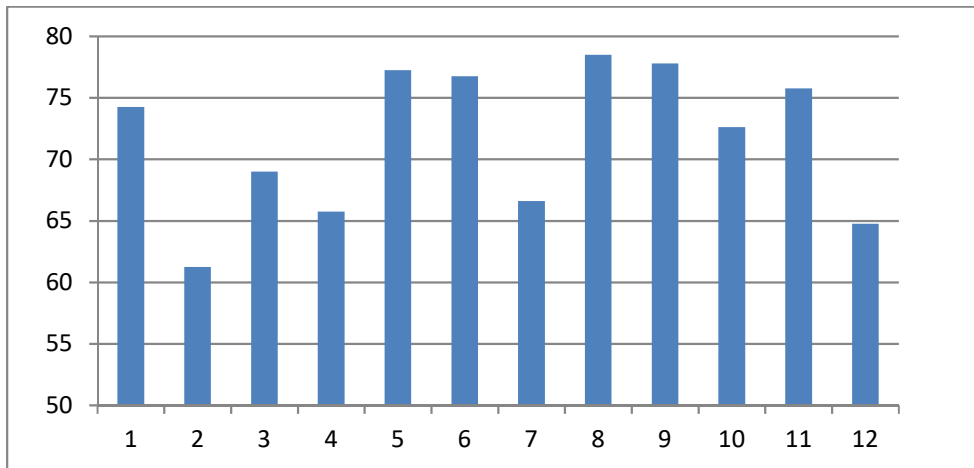
Brother Charles Ma is the communication deacon in year of 2019, and we pray that our Lord give him energy and wisdom to continue serve in various areas in our church for God's Kingdom

# Graphs of Church Attendance and Offering

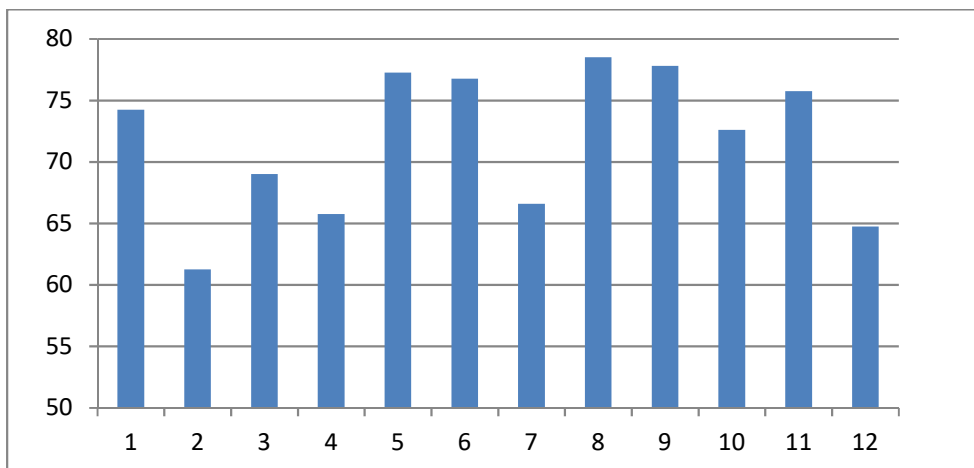
## Sunday Worship Service

Weekly Average Attendance in a Monthly

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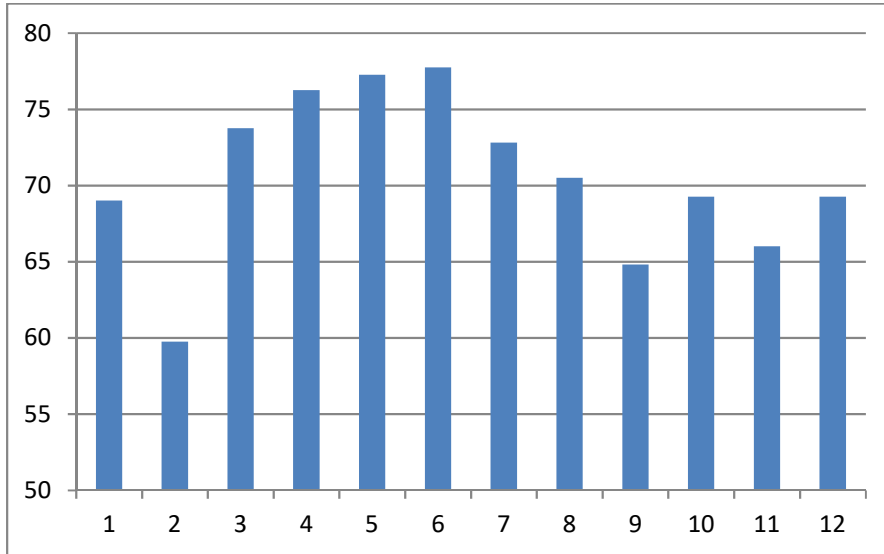


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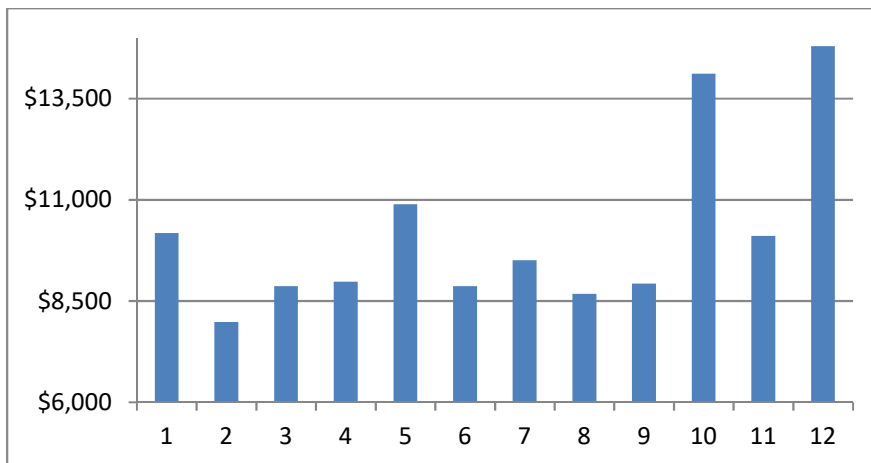




### Cantonese



### Weekly Average Offering in a Monthly



# 2018 Budget

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