

# BCEC 2015 - 2016 Annual Report

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**Build My Home By Love**



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## **Mission Statement**

The Boston Chinese Evangelical Church is a Bible-believing, non-denominational, local body of believers whose purpose is to glorify God through worshipping God, edifying believers, and sharing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior by word and deed to the Greater Chinese Community and the world, as guided by the Bible and the Holy Spirit.

## **Vision**

Because God has blessed us, we strive to be a blessing to the Chinatown community, the Chinese-Asian community, and our neighbors, by sharing the love of God and the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are compelled by a passion for God and a compassion for people, all for the glory of God.

## **Long Term Goal**

By God's grace, we desire BCEC to grow and to actively cooperate with area churches and organizations to increase the percentage of Christians among the Chinese in the Boston area from 5% to 50%.

We are the Boston Chinese Evangelical Church community in three locations:

Chinatown: 249 Harrison Avenue, Boston, MA 02111

South End: 210 Shawmut Avenue, Boston MA 02118

Newton: 218 Walnut Street, Newtonville, MA 02460

# Introduction

## Words from the Chairman of the Board of Elders

Pastor Steve Chin



Back row (left to right): Bak Fun Wong, Andy Su, Brian Hui, Jack Lee, Barry Lam, Chuk Lam Yuen  
Front row (left to right): Enoch Liao, Daniel Chan, Steve Chin, Kenneth Kwong

The Board of Elders (BOE) is the highest ruling body in BCEC. It is “responsible for carrying out the purpose of BCEC by overseeing the spiritual growth of BCEC through articulating and teaching Biblical doctrines; providing discipleship training and discipline; developing vision, philosophy of ministry, and strategic long-term plans for the ministry of BCEC; and determining the staffing needs.”

The BOE is currently comprised of 10 members: 6 elders who are pastors and 4 lay elders. The pastors are Pastors Steven Chin, Daniel Chan, Kenneth Kwong, Enoch Liao, Andy Su, and Barry Lam. The lay elders are Brian Hui, Chuk-lam Yuen, Jack Lee, and Bak Fun Wong.

The BOE spent time this past year dealing with a number of issues including the following:

- Ministry planning including annual church-wide theme, reviewing ministry plans for all seven congregations, considering ways to simplify the organization of the church, and responding to the departures of Pastor Thomas Lee and Minister Vivian Cheung.
- Personnel including clarification on what constitutes outside ministry for staff, pastoral promotion, and succession planning for the eventual retirement of the senior pastor.
- Expansion, especially the feasibility of consolidating all our Chinatown ministries into 120 Shawmut Avenue, and the consideration of potential collaboration with building projects that our neighbors are exploring.
- Outside use of BCEC facilities in Newton and Chinatown, including consideration of individual requests and development of a policy.
- Ordination examination process for missionary David Nhan.
- Theology including transgender issues.

Please continue to pray for the Board of Elders. Pray for wisdom and discernment to know the Lord’s leading for our church into the future, especially as our church grows in complexity. Pray for continued unity in making decisions for the church.

## Words from the Chair of the Board of Deacons

Robert Huie

God has continued to bless the BOD for another year. I thank God for all the diligent board members who have not only been serving in the daily operations of our church, but who constantly try to discern the will of God for the future of BCEC. This year, we have focused on discerning God's will for our expansion, and we continue to work with the BOE to determine how to use and manage all that God has given us. With the recent staffing changes, we are also looking to see how our staff, lay leaders, and volunteers can work more effectively and efficiently as one church.

Please continue to pray for each BOD member as they work daily for His glory, and at the same time perform their personal responsibilities. Also, pray that the BOD will remain working jointly and joyfully with the BOE, as we work closer to fulfilling a vision of BCEC's role in the growth of His Kingdom here in Boston and beyond.



Back row (left to right): Rob Huie, Edward Lau, Jenny Choi, Daniel Fong, Raymond Wong, Andy Lui, Rich Su  
Front row (left to right): Siu Yu, Phyllis Wong, Joyce Lin, Charlotte Lai, Nelson Wong

## Words from Senior Pastor

Pastor Steve Chin



The church celebrated its 55th anniversary this past year. We are grateful to God for His many blessings on BCEC. The Lord has blessed our church with many people who sacrifice their time, talents, and treasures for the ministry here. I continue to be amazed at His mercy and grace, though we do not deserve it. Thank you Lord!

Looking at the attendance averages, we have been flat for the past six years. Of course, we are not the same. Some people have left and some people have come. Our attendance is about 1% lower than we were 6 years ago. Our average weekly attendance for adults in our 7 congregations is 1120, compared to 1122 a year ago. The Mandarin congregations have grown slightly, while the English and Cantonese experienced slight declines. Of course, I wish we were growing numerically. I am not sure how long this plateau will last. Certainly, the spiritual environment in which we live in is more challenging, making people less open to the gospel and causing Christians to be less bold in sharing the Good News. With the past year theme of “Mobilize to Evangelize,” there has been no shortage of outreach efforts. Many people have worked hard in Project Destiny, August Moon booth, Vacation Bible School, local missions, and evangelistic meetings. We are grateful for those who have come to Christ. Yet the harvest is still plentiful, and workers are still few. So we must pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more workers into the harvest (Matthew 9:37-38).

We must all be mobilized to share the Good News whether strategically as part of a church ministry or spontaneously with our family or neighbor.

I am especially encouraged by the many people who have gone on summer missions, particularly children and young people. They have learned lessons they cannot learn any other way. As they experienced the joy of sharing the gospel, I pray they can continue sharing here in the US and be examples to others.

Of course, this year we lost two key pastoral staff in Pastor Thomas Lee (and wife Edna) and Vivian Cheung. We miss them, but we trust the Lord will guide our leadership in evaluating the needs and resources and in determining the right direction in moving forward. We also welcome Kan Li to our facilities staff, as there are four buildings to take care of.

There were some special highlights in this past year.

1. In November 2015, we had the opportunity to house about 40 people displaced from a fire in Chinatown for about a month at 120 Shawmut Ave. It was an unexpected challenge that took a lot of work, but I thank the Lord for the many members who volunteered and helped. It reminded our church again that we are Blessed to be a Blessing.
2. Early in 2016 we completed our renovations to the first floor of 120 Shawmut Ave, Sunday School classes, fellowships, Project Destiny Autumn and Spring, Community English classes, Vacation Bible School, and other ministries have been blessed by the new space that provides for more effective ministry.

3. Christopher Yuan and his parents, Leon and Angela, came in March 2016 to share their testimony and their biblical and personal insights about homosexuality. Our church was blessed by their ministry that helped us to see that we can stand on biblical principles about marriage and sexuality and yet have compassion on those dealing with this issue.

In terms of expansion in Chinatown, again we have been blessed to use 120 Shawmut Ave. for many ministries. The desire of our church leadership is to consolidate the Chinatown ministries in one location. 120 Shawmut Ave. has many small rooms, but insufficient large space for our worship services. Because we were not able to acquire Holy Trinity Church next door, we focused on renovating 120 Shawmut Ave. However, the estimates we received for renovation was over \$25 million. So the church leaders have decided not to pursue this major project at this time. We are exploring the possibility with working on a project with our neighbors that may have benefits for both parties. We are not sure where this will lead to. In the mean time, we continue to own and operate four buildings and rent the Quincy Elementary School. We recognize this is not ideal, but we want to make sure we discern the right direction to go in before we make irreversible decisions that could hamper us in the future. So please pray for the Lord's provision and direction.

Finally, I want to share the church-wide theme for the coming year. It is "Build My Home by Love." The church is not a building or an organization. The Bible says it is like the household of God or family of God. God is our Heavenly Father, and we are His children. Our Father wants His children to grow in a loving

environment to be like Christ. I am excited to explore what that means in the coming year.

## Words from Associate Pastor

Pastor Daniel Chan



The theme of our church this year is “Mobilize to Evangelize.” We are glad to see that all the Chinese congregations, the Local Evangelism Department, Sunday School Department, and various fellowships all embraced this theme and organized all kinds of evangelistic meetings. BCEC was not the organizer for the Boston Local Short-Term Missions event held in August. But most participants were from our church.

They did indoor and outdoor evangelism, resulting in more than twenty conversions.

Earlier in 2016, we started a Chinatown Cantonese visitation ministry. Once a month we go out to visit people, strengthening their faith and sharing the gospel. About 20 people consistently participate in this ministry.

The BOE spent time this past year dealing with a number of issues including the following:

- Vivian Cheung, Chinese Discipleship Director, resigned in May. She relocated to California to take care of a family member. Her duties are temporarily covered by other staff members.
- Seminarian Ben Wong began his part-time internship in June. We thank him for his contribution to the Chinese ministry.

The following is some statistics of Sunday service attendance in the five Chinese congregations:

	8/1/2015 to 7/31/2016	8/1/2014 to 7/31/2015	8/1/2013 to 7/31/2014
Chinatown Cantonese at 249 Building	247	257	266
Chinatown Cantonese at QES	157	158	162
Chinatown Mandarin	148	144	154
Newton Cantonese	123	123	125
Newton Mandarin	64	50	45
Total	739	732	752

Including the September 2016 baptism, 31 people from the Chinese congregations were baptized last year. The number was 29 in the year before.

## Words from the Expansion Committee



We thank the Lord for providing the 120 Shawmut Ave. building for us. We appreciate the efforts of the Expansion Committee and the many who supported them. We also thank the Lord for many of you who gave sacrificially and prayed for the Lord's provision. We want to report to you on the latest developments.

After the renovation of Phase 1 was completed earlier this year (which was focused on the 1st floor), a number of ministries have moved over to utilize the new space including our after-school program, Project Destiny Autumn and Spring (PDAS), Adult Sunday School, fellowships, Community English Program, etc. An office for South Cove Manor was also provided.

Phase 2 was approved by the leadership to renovate the second and third floors into more useable space, to enlarge the 1st floor "dining hall," and add a central staircase. The plan includes opening up many of the small rooms and combining them into larger rooms, so that it would improve our ministry capacity. Phase 3 was designed to adapt the building to consolidate all our ministries in Chinatown into one building rather than being spread over five buildings (owned or rented) in Chinatown. This would involve adding multiple large worship spaces to 120 Shawmut Ave., a dedicated Christian education space, a community outreach space, and other improvements. After we received schematic drawings of a possible design from the architect that the leaders

could agree on, we sought a preliminary estimate of what such a project would cost. The estimate was over \$25 million. The high cost of construction in Boston is certainly a major factor. A season of change is upon BCEC and our ministries. The demographics of our church and the Chinese population in the Boston area are changing. The pastoral staff's transition now and in the near future, as well as the spiritual growth of the church, will require significant focus. After prayerfully reflecting on these aspects and the high cost estimate, the Board of Elders and the Board of Deacons have made a decision not to pursue Phase 3 at this time. They basically did not feel the Lord is leading us to spend that large amount of money on facilities. Phase 2 may have to be adapted in light of this decision.

We await how the Lord will lead us into the future regarding our facility needs in Chinatown. We will continue to rent the Quincy Elementary School and Quincy Upper School indefinitely as we are able. We have been in discussion with some of our neighbors at 120 Shawmut Ave. about possibly working together and leveraging each other's asset for our joint benefits as well as for our community. Although conversations are ongoing, there is nothing substantial to report right now. The Lord has faithfully provided for our needs for 55 years, so we confidently express our faith in Him. Please continue to pray for the His guidance and provision for the long-term facility needs in Chinatown. We will also be considering renovations to the Newton Campus to adapt the space there to better meet our ministry needs. If you have questions or thoughts, we welcome you to speak to any of the pastors, elders, or deacons.

## Staff List



### Chinese Ministry Staff

Back row (left to right): Dora Lam, Peter Wong, Andy Su  
 Front row (left to right): Barry Lam, Daniel Chan, Kenneth Kwong



### English Ministry Staff

Back row (left to right): Lorraine Ho, Calvin Chu  
 Front row (left to right): Steve Liu, Steven Chin, Enoch Liao

Senior Pastor: Steven Chin

### Chinese Ministry Staff:

Daniel Chan	Associate Pastor
Kenneth Kwong	Assistant Pastor
Andy Su	Assistant Pastor
Barry Lam	Assistant Pastor
Dora Lam	Assistant to the Pastor
Peter Wong	Assistant to the Pastor

### English Ministry Staff:

Steven Chin	Senior Pastor
Enoch Lee	Assistant Pastor
Calvin Chu	Student Ministries Director
Lorraine Ho	Children's Ministries Director
Steve Liu	Director of Project Destiny Ministries

Jacob Fung      Pastor Emeritus



Pastor Emeritus  
 Jacob Fung

## Staff List



Chinatown Administration  
left to right: Helena Fong, Connie Ho



Newton Administration  
left to right: Lillian Te, Helena Fong, See Yee Morante



Facilities  
left to right: Kan Li, Dennis Chin, Kwok Wah Wong

## Baptism December 2015 - September 2016



Baptism on 12/7/2015 :

Newton Cantonese Service: Magaly Lee, Kan Li, Yimin Huang.

Chinatown Cantonese 3rd Service: Thanh Du, Jack Chen,

Chinatown English Service: Peggy Leung, Jason Chen,

Newton English Service: Hui Li

Newton Mandarin Service: Catherine Tang



Baptism on 3/27/2016 Chinese Session:

Chinatown Mandarin Service: Chin Ning Sun, Wen Zhao,

Jingyuan Zhang, Ziangyi Wang, Yaohui, Li, Shunfeng Li,

Ming Chieh Lin

Chinatown Cantonese 2nd Service: Anna Kwong, John Chong,

Chinatown Cantonese 3rd Service: Ada Kwok, Yuk Ying Lui,

Sylvia Mark, Andy Sham

Newton Cantonese Service: Anna To, May Wu, Tin Wu

## Baptism December 2015 - September 2016



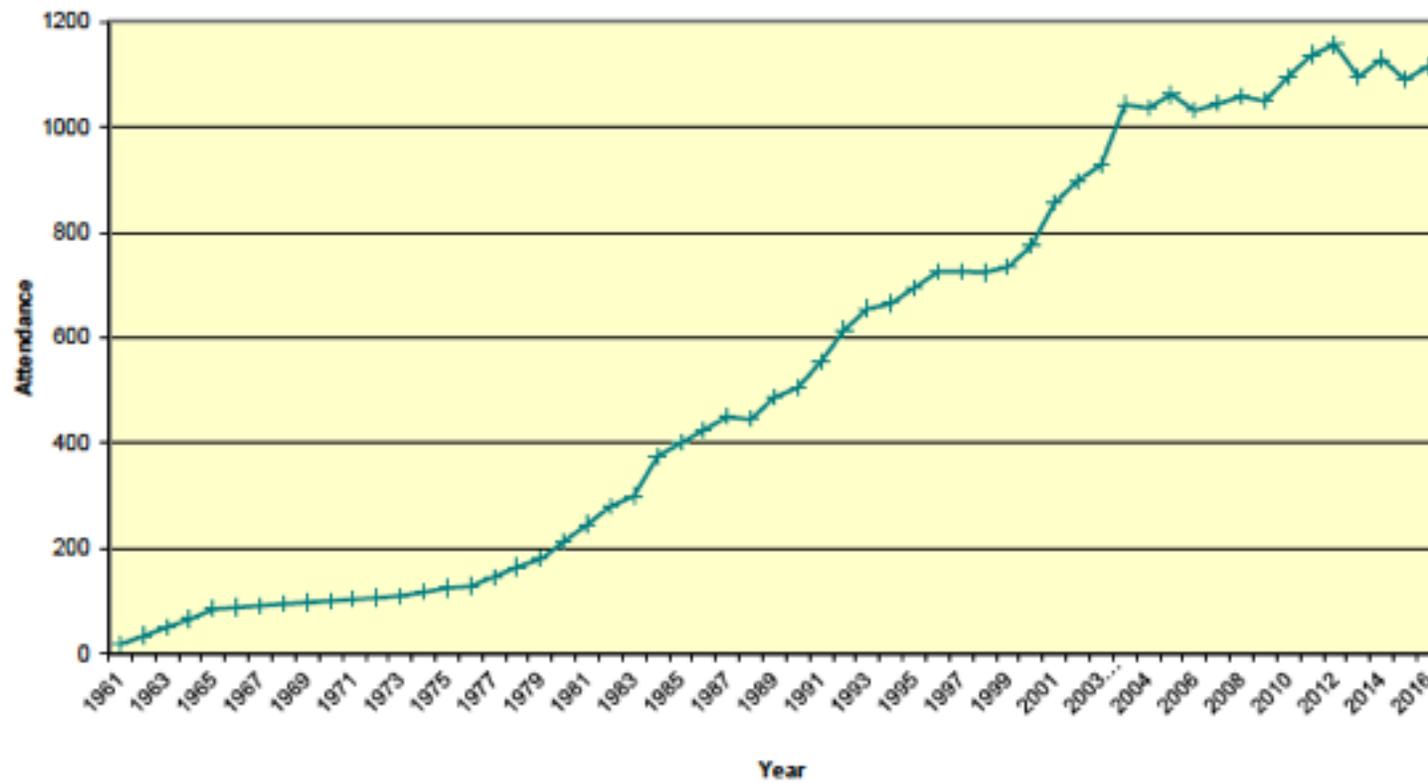
Baptism on 3/27/2016 English Session:  
Newton English Service: Bernice Lai, Chloe Lai  
Chinatown English Service: Violefel Cruz, Mabel Lee,  
Sheila Lee, Katie Li, Jason Luc



Baptism on 9/18/2016  
Chinatown Mandarin Service: Nanxi Li, Jerry Li, QingXian Ou,  
Tao Gao, Cheung tin Tsui,  
Newton Mandarin: Shaobing Su, Annie Zhou, Qian Song,  
Peter Dong  
Chinatown Cantonese 2nd Service: Shaomei Ren, Siu King Law  
Chinatown Cantonese 3rd Service: Candy Lee  
Chinatown English Service: Bethany Kwong, Katryn Mei, Iris Su

# Attendance November 2015 - September 2016

Worship Attendance 1961-2016  
(as of 8/31/16)



# Congregational Reports

## Chinatown Cantonese 2nd Service

Pastor Daniel Chan



Chinatown Cantonese 2nd Service Choir sing together before operation stopped.

A few families from our service relocated to other parts of the country and to Asia. Many retired members took extensive vacations. The attendance figures have obviously declined.

Choir operation has stopped since June this year. However, we are thankful that many choir members and individuals formed small groups to maintain the musical offering part of Sunday service.

## Chinatown Cantonese 3rd Service

Pastor Kenneth Kwong



Music Team leading the congregation in worship



Congregation praising the Lord in spirit and in truth

## Chinatown English Congregation

## Pastor Enoch Liao

### Introduction

So much seems to have happened this past ministry year that one article could never capture it all. So many God-stories in which the Spirit used women and men to share the gospel, grow disciples, and love our neighbors. Thank God for every single person who journeyed with us this year. Here I offer a few reflections and highlights from this past year.

### Deeper Into Discipleship: Finishing Year 1

This past ministry year was the first year we launched an initiative we call "Deeper Into Discipleship." Part of that initiative involved allowing Calvin Chu, our Director of Student Ministries, to focus upon the youth ministries. It is exciting to see our youth benefit from this, including a long-overdue engagement in youth Sunday School.

For this year, we shifted College Ministry over to Steve Liu, who is our Director of Project Destiny Ministries. It is exciting to see our college ministry get excited about reaching their campuses for the gospel.

By God's providence, none of these changes would have gone as well if not for the Lord leading several pastoral interns and a pastoral resident to our team. We thank God for pastoral interns Rockey Chan and Ryan So. Rockey has faithfully served in Adult Sunday School since Philip Chew (former Minister to Adults moved to CA) and Ryan has supported Steve Liu in College

Ministry. We also thank God for pastoral resident Vernon Cheung whose leadership has helped our Sunday worship service teams.

Our children's and adult ministries also continue to make progress for the gospel. We're so thankful for the Children's Christmas Party and VBS, Adult Large & Small Groups, and our Family Fellowship. This year we held our second The Marriage Thing as we seek the Lord to develop more adult ministries.

### Highlights

Our joint English Advent series was called "Lessons & Carols" which culminated in a wonderful Christmas Eve Service of Scripture readings and music. We also preached through 1 Peter and James this year. We held our first ever sermon series on Race & Culture Emphasis. God challenged us through Scripture about the role which ethnicity, race, and culture places on our mandate to make disciples.

We also moved most of our edification and outreach ministries into our new facility at 120 Shawmut. Praise God for providing us with that tool to love our neighbors and share the gospel! Project Destiny Autumn to Spring (PDAS) moved near the turn of the new year. Friday Night youth ministries moved in during the early spring. And now, all of the English speaking ministry staff have offices in 120 Shawmut Ave. Come on over and visit us!

## Chinatown English Congregation

### **Big Changes**

Of course, one of the biggest changes for our church, especially for both English congregations, is our beloved Pastor Tom and his wife Edna following the Lord's call to serve at another church. This required many changes for both campuses. One of those changes meant that I was led to take on additional responsibilities at Newton Campus. I'm thankful for so many people who have offered advice, prayer, and patience as I navigate this new season of ministry.

### **Great God**

Amidst all of this, we are so grateful for the faithfulness and power of our great God. May God continue to watch over His church as we seek to be faithful and make disciples of our Lord Jesus.

## Chinatown Mandarin Congregation

Pastor Andy Su

Mandarin brothers and sisters joined three local missions (summer, Park street, winter) last year. We are deeply touched by the passion of evangelism in decades from Cantonese brothers and sisters. They have dispelled fears of evangelism. We did not join this year's summer local missions after the hard winter, but the passion of evangelism keeps burning. We hope it will cultivate a community driven by evangelism through life testimony.



Boston Local Winter Missions



Boston Local Summer Missions



Chinatown Mandarin Evangelical Meeting



Park Street Evangelism

## Newton Cantonese Congregation

Pastor Barry Lam

2016 for the Newton Cantonese Congregation was like a roller coaster with its ups and downs. In retrospect, there were a lot of things to be excited about: the baptisms of brothers and sisters, my own ordination in December last year, the Chinese New Year celebration dinner, the hard works of the Newton Cantonese Congregation Choir, the Sunday School student's spiritual hunger and their willingness to learn, the unity of the outreach group members and their success in spreading the gospel during their elderly house visit, and brothers and sisters' faithful and selfless servings for the Lord in fellowship, children programs, and Sunday service. All these make me feel grateful. When we prayed for the seekers and the weak ones among us during our Tuesday prayer meetings, we saw the works of God and we praised the Lord in thanksgiving.

On the other hand, God led us into a deep valley, which was the departure of two very good colleagues of mine. Not only did brothers and sisters feel dismayed, there was also a great and immediate impact to the ministries at the Newton Campus. However, I deeply believe in God's sovereignty in all circumstances, His thoughts supersede our thoughts, and His plans overshadow ours. When God leads us into the deep valley, it often means He is about to do new things. In the Bible, the Israelites also have walked through many deep valleys. However, God led them through the Red Sea, defeated their enemies, guided them in exile and returned to Jerusalem to rebuild the city wall, and the resurrected Jesus in three days after his death on the cross. All these are the works of our mighty God. In fact, I believe it is not difficult for God to amend the situation at the valley; but I also believe that what He wants are our reflection, repentance and

unwavering eyes that are set upon Him and seek Him and Him alone.

The fact is, when a roller coaster is going uphill, the iron chain that moves the roller coaster is the most important. But when the roller coaster is going downhill, the passenger's safety bar takes its place. Similarly, when our lives and service become fruitful, do not give credit to people when God is the one who pulls the iron chain and moves us. And when we face difficulties in our lives and servings, we especially need to be closer to God and not rely on people. Because whether going uphill or downhill, God ultimately will lead us to a final destination, which is Him.

As we step into a new calendar year, let us humble ourselves, pray for the church and the leaders, and may His will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Let the prophet Jeremiah remind us of how faithful our Lord is.

Lamentation 3: 22-25 KJV

22 It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. 24 The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. 25 The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.



Newton Cantonese  
Congregation  
Outreach Team

## Newton English Congregation

## Pastor Enoch

### Introduction

Perhaps no one expected anyone else to write this article besides Pastor Tom Lee, but here we are entering a new ministry year, and we find much has changed. Yet, as much has changed, God has remained unchanging in His perfections.

### People Change - God Remains

I think it's fair to say that perhaps one of the most significant events to take place in the life of New Community and BCEC this past year was our beloved Pastor Tom and his wife Edna answering God's call to serve at another wonderful church in the Boston area.

While we are saddened by our loss, we rejoice that a sister church in the metro Boston area has been blessed with one of the most seasoned pastors in our region. We continue to wish "PT" and Edna well. In fact, I got to worship at his campus just this past Labor Day and rejoice in seeing them thriving there.

### Highlights

Any highlights I can think of will surely leave some important events out, but as I reflect back upon this year, here are some milestones that come to mind.

This past year we started United!, our fellowship for young adults at New Community. We partnered with our Chinese congregations at Newton campus for VBS, as well as a campus-wide picnic to finish off the summer. We are thankful that in the midst of a busy

summer, we had some continuity provided from our pastoral intern, Sam Ng. Sam co-directed VBS with John De Jesus, and Sam also was a steady face for the staff throughout the summer.

With the announcement of Pastor Tom's resignation, we've had numerous meetings as well as conversations about what we sense God has planned for the future.

### Future Hope

As I write this, I have served as Interim English Pastor for Newton Campus since mid May. While the work and responsibilities are tremendous, I have felt greatly blessed to partner more closely with so many sisters and brothers at Newton campus. From individual meetings with ministry leaders, to our bi-monthly Newton pastoral staff meetings, to worshipping at New Community, what a joy it has been to see God's work up close!

We do not know what is in store for New Community, Newton Campus, or BCEC as a whole. But we know and hope in God for His goodness and power and plan.

## Newton Mandarin Congregation

Peter Wong



Newton Mandarin Congregation

The Newton Mandarin Congregation (NMC) has been established for three years. With the mercy and grace from our Heavenly Father and the support from other congregations, we have gradually increased in size and scope of ministries. I would like to update in this annual report the goals we set for the year and what God has done in and through us with some reflections for prayer requests.

**Newton Mandarin Congregation ministry goals and their statuses:****1. Growth of Sunday Service members average number to 75 in December 2016.**

As of end of July, our yearly average Sunday Service attendance numbers have been around 65 versus 48 last year. Please pray for us, so that our brothers and sisters can grow spiritually and make it a priority to worship our God on Sunday.

2. **Follow up on 10 new believers for basic Christian life growth.**

Nine new believers are in the process of following up for basic Christian life growth. Please pray for more mature Christians to commit their time to follow up with new believers

3. **Discipleship training for 2 members**

Our Lord's Great Commission commands us to make disciples of all nations. Please pray for wisdom and strength of our leaders, so that all of our members can be our Lord's disciples and live a Biblical life on a daily basis.



Newton Mandarin Service Announcement



Newton Mandarin Fellowship

4. **Leading 10 newcomers to Christ with 5 baptized at BCEC.**

Thank God for leading seekers to our church. We have had many opportunities to witness for our Lord and share the gospel with them in our ministries. In this year, more than 10 people accepted Christ in different occasions. As of the end of July, there was one sister baptized.

5. **Solidified 100 members (Elders, Adults, Teens, and Children) in the Friday Fellowship.**

This year, we tried to strengthen the cell groups bonding and caring in our congregation. Thank God that a young adult group was formed to attract young professional and college students into our congregation. The adult Friday Fellowship is focusing on Bible study. In addition, we also run a seeker

group to build relationships with friends and share the gospel with them. We were also thankful that members of the BCEC congregations continue their efforts in serving in BCEC's Awana ministry, which continuously attracted new families to join the congregation. We prayed that the Friday fellowship can be used by God to make disciples for His Kingdom.

6. **Establishing the missionary ministry in non-USA country.**

This year, thanks to the Missions Committee's support, we continued the short-term missions trip in East Asia. God blessed the trip with many participants and gave us opportunities to share His love and gospel with them. In addition, we also partnered with local church workers to expand the scope of influence there. May God continue His work and bless more people who have been suffering from the catastrophe in that area.

7. **Two evangelical meetings for outreaching newcomers.**

As a new congregation, on one hand, we need to nurture spiritual growth of our members. On the other hand, we also need to lead newcomers to Christ. From August last year to the end of July, there were more than 140 units of visitors to our congregation. That gives us the challenge of connecting with them and leading them to Christ. The evangelistic meetings have been used to give opportunities for seekers to make the decision of accepting Christ. It has been proven to be a good tool for that purpose. In the last two Mandarin evangelistic meetings, more than 20 people accepted Christ with 11 of them continuously coming to our church.

As a new congregation, we definitely need a lot of prayers and support from our BCEC family. Please pray for us, so that more disciples will be built up. Please pray for strength and wisdom of the congregational leadership team to nurture a healthy church development of this congregation, so that His Name will be glorified now and in years to come!

# Edification & Fellowships (Chinese)

## Caleb Fellowship

Life stage: The most senior group of brothers and sisters  
Attendance: ~ 40 people



Celebrating July 4th  
with dinner and  
prayers



Abundance Grace  
Tea reception before meeting.



Evangelism Drama, "Salvation Big Feast"

## Enoch Fellowship

Life stage: Adult 55+ years old  
Attendance: ~ 25 people



Celebrating birthdays of brothers and sisters



Pastor Barry and sisters of Enoch Fellowship

## Women Fellowship

Life stage: Senior Adults  
Attendance: ~ 100 people



Members acting in the Christmas Evangelism Drama.

## Song of Songs Fellowship

Life stage: Couples Middle Age and Up  
Attendance: ~ 56 people



Potluck before meeting



Fellowship  
Workshop



Fellowship outing



Members help spruce up the church garden

## Ruth Fellowship

Life stage: Women 35-60 years old  
Attendance: average 50 people; 70 registered members



Celebrating Ruth Fellowship's 15th anniversary



Members acting in Bible Story Drama



Ruth Fellowship meeting outside of church



Ruth Fellowship group photo

## Joshua Couples Fellowship

Life stage: Middle Age married couples  
Attendance: ~ 19 people



An enjoyable night doing Bible Study



We went hiking on a very hot day. We stayed cool in the shadows.



Rev. David Nhan & spouse Norma share about missionary works in the Philippines. They taught us how to sing in Tagalog (Filipinos) songs as well!



Group photo of us after the meeting

## Elim Fellowship

Life stage: Young Families  
Attendance: ~ 30-40 including kids

Annual fellowship picnic at the Skyline Park



## Joshua 1 Fellowship (J1)

Life stage: 24-40 years old  
Attendance: ~ 31 people



J1 Christmas celebration group photo

# Joshua 2 Fellowship (J2)

Life stage: Adults 18-24 years old  
Attendance: ~ 30 people



2016 Mini Camp



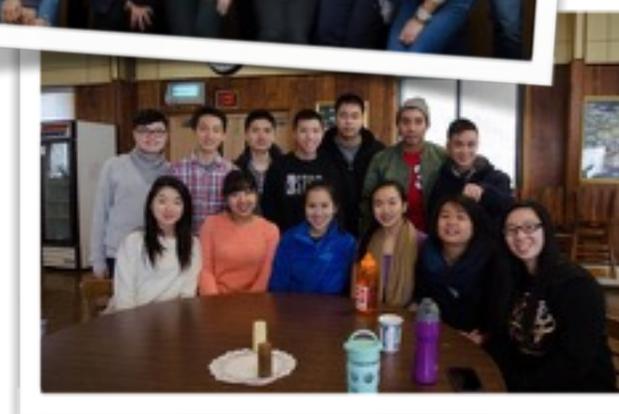
Small group  
(Git Taat Taat)



Small group  
(U-Tube)



2015 Winter local missions singing Christmas carols.



Small group  
(Inside Out)

## Daniel Fellowship

Life stage: Adults 18+ years old



Daniel Fellowship Committee members cooking breakfast and lunch for the people displaced from a fire in Chinatown.



2016 Spring mini retreat



Minister Vivian Cheung led a group sharing night before moving to California. Members say farewell and take a group photo with her.

## Peter Fellowship

Life Stage: Men  
Attendance: 15+ people

Peter Fellowship is a fellowship for men 35 years old and above. Even though the attendance of this fellowship averages 15+ people, God has blessed this fellowship, and we as members treasure and enjoy the fellowship. God has used workshops, bi-monthly Bible studies, mini camp, morning sunrise services, and other activities (e.g. serving in a project and then enjoy a big feast together, coffee times, and sharing anything anytime). All these activities and events allow the brothers to enjoy growing together in Christ, and learn from each other. As a result, we truly understand the power of wholehearted involvement.

Peter Fellowship welcomes any brothers in Christ. Our fellowship pastor is Pastor Daniel Chan. The fellowship meets on the 4th Wednesday night of each month. Dinner is optional.



Worship at the Sunrise Service.



Celebrating the baptism of our members, we praise the Lord with joy.



The brothers enjoy the food and the sharing during fellowship.

## Sui Cai Fellowship

Life stage: Adults who are unable to attend Sunday Service  
Attendance: ~ 18-22 people

Sui Cai Fellowship is a Mandarin fellowship that meets every Tuesday morning at 120 Shawmut Avenue. For some of the members who work in the restaurants and are unable to attend Sunday Service, the fellowship is where they can receive spiritual nourishment. Fellowship activities mainly include singspiration, Bible studies, and prayer sessions. A sermon is given on the first Tuesday of every month. There are also workshops from time to time. For example, this year we had a sharing from sister, Agnes Man, on children psychology, missionaries from the Philippines sharing their mission works, and workshops about the relationship between Christian faith and politics. We also had special activities such as Thanksgiving dinner and BBQ in which we expressed our appreciation to the church leaders and staff. This summer, we had several outings, including the Boston Duck Tour, apple picking, and home visits. We hope God will continue to use this fellowship to be a blessing to others.

Baptism of members



Enjoying a Boston Duck Tour



BBQ at 120 Shawmut Ave.



Pastor Daniel leads a prayer before dinner

# Timothy Fellowship

Life stage: Restaurant workers  
Attendance: 10 people

Timothy Fellowship meets on each Monday. We are a group of chefs and assistant chefs with a passion to serve. We served the homeless (Boston Rescue Mission), and the families of our church staff last year. This year we served the PD Staff with abundant BBQs and the PDAS teachers with 600 pieces of sushi. After a year of working at the restaurants, we really enjoyed the sweet relationship through dining and sharing during the Cape Cod retreat.



Cape Cod Retreat -  
Praying before having  
dinner



Prepared BBQ for the PD staff



Abundant sushi prepared for the  
PDAS Teachers Appreciation

## Paul Fellowship

Life stage: Married Couples  
Attendance: 20 people

We are all imperfect and not complete. However, our Lord calls us to accept and care for each others among our beauty of imperfectness. Through praising Him, Bible studies, and tears of wedding reconfirmation, we are deeply united in Christ. We found out that we were so energetic and athletic at the Cape Cod retreat. Ages are no more our signs. Grace and joy are our signs of abundant life.



Doing Hands Praises when visiting brother Lu's home



Cape Cod Retreat



Reconfirmation of Wedding Vows

## Emmanuel Fellowship Attendance: 15 people

Emmanuel Fellowship is a group of simple and ordinary brothers and sisters willing to open up to each other and our Lord. The grace of our Lord overflows through our weakness and hopes. When we are weak, we are made strong. The relationship grows deeper and undivided in His irresistible grace. May His words be done upon us and be with us forever.



Retreat at Singing Hill



Thanksgiving lunch

## Berea Fellowship Attendance: 12 people

Berea Fellowship is a group of simple and diligent brothers and sisters. We diligently prepared to lead Bible studies one chapter at a time. We also listened carefully and attentively to each others speaking in heavy accents and warmly discussed how the Word of God penetrates into our daily life. We shared the snacks from our hometowns. The Word of God melts all our love, accents, and flavors into a feast of irresistible sweet memories.



Snack time after Bible study



Spiritual sharing

## Chinatown Cantonese 2nd Worship Service Choir

Attendance: 24 people



2nd Worship Service Choir sang "Gloria" celebrating BCEC's 55th Anniversary



2nd Choir sang together one last time a hymn called "The Lord Bless You and Keep You," during the appreciation dinner on July 10, 2016



Adrian Man (conductor), Juanita Wong (pianist), and 2nd Choir members, took this photo with Pastor Daniel after 2nd Worship Service celebrating BCEC's 55th Anniversary.



2nd Choir members and their families got together on July 10, 2016 for a thanksgiving and appreciation dinner to celebrate most members' faithful and dedicated service for more than 30 years in the choir.

## Joint Cantonese Retreat

Target group: Brothers and sisters from all Cantonese fellowships  
Attendance: 187 attendees including some from other local churches



2016 Joint Cantonese Retreat Group Picture. The theme this year is "Evangelize because of You!" The speaker is Pastor Peter Wu from the Chinese Bible Church of Greater Lowell.



Committee members thank the brothers and sisters who served in the nursery and VBS. We thank God for their faithful services, so that the parents have no worries and can focus on listening to God's Word.



Retreat Committee members take a photo with Pastor Wu



Brothers and sisters doing Healthy Knees Corrective Exercise

# Chinatown Adult Cantonese Sunday School

Attendance: 60 - 80 people

Our students are edified through teachings in various spiritual aspects. The Sunday School offers introductory and advanced-level courses, as well as training courses. We also offer elderly classes for seniors.

We would like to thank the following teachers for their faithful teaching this year:

Pastor Kenneth Kwong, Dora Lam, Elder Chuk Lam Yuen, Kathy Lai, Francis Lok, Suk Han Lok, Siu Kuen Kan Wong, Ben Wong, Tsz Ming Yu, Ivy Ng, Mabel So, Samuel Wong, Sandra Chan, and Wallace Hui.



Teachers discussed teaching methods in a meeting



Group photo of teachers and committee members



Samuel Wong was teaching Sunday School



Elderly class

## Newton Adult Cantonese Sunday School

Attendance: ~ 45 people



Brother James Lam with friends of the Gospel class



Brother Sam Wong teaching Sunday School at Newton Campus.



Elder Brian Hui teaching at Newton Campus



Boston Local Short Term Mission sharing in Sunday School

## Newton Mandarin Adult Sunday School

The Newton Mandarin congregation is a burgeoning community. A lot of brothers and sisters accepted Christ and got baptized in this congregation. They grew and served the Lord while preparing to equip themselves with His Word. Many of us found it easy to make a resolution to read the Bible every day, but upholding that determination is often short-lived. There is a proverb that said, “To travel fast, travel alone; to travel far, travel together.” As such, a few of us were called to establish a Bible study support group in order to help, encourage, and learn from each other, so that we could grow deep in the Word of God and be fruitful.

The goal of the Bible study support group is to read the entire Bible within a year. Brothers and sisters will follow the reading schedule of a book from Pastor Su Wing Chi (蘇穎智牧師), named “Walk with the Lord every day” as their daily spiritual study guideline. We also set up a text message group that sends out daily Bible reading reminders, to make sure and encourage each of us not to fall out of the pack. This Bible reading support group complements our Sunday School Service to enhance our brothers and sisters’ learning experience. We have about 50 brothers and sisters in the group, which includes former friends and church members.

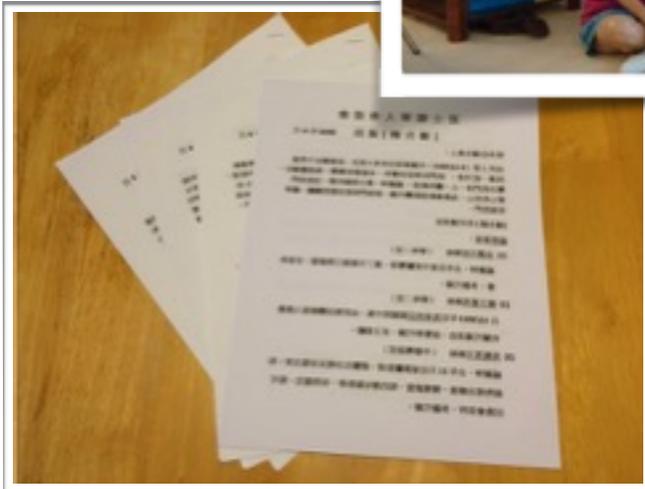
We have about twenty regular attendees in the Mandarin Adult Sunday School led by Minister Peter and a few brothers and sisters. By grounding the root in God’s Word during Sunday School, we hope to train more brothers and sisters who can faithfully serve in the ministry. Our next step is to form a Mandarin Adult Sunday School committee for the Newton Mandarin Adult Sunday School ministry to thrive. Beginning in 2017, we plan to open two Sunday School classes, and brothers and sisters have the option to choose one that can better support their spiritual growth. As for seekers and new believers, we will continue to hold Bible study during Sunday School, so that they have an opportunity to learn the gospel and receive God’s salvation.

# Chinatown Caring Ministry

Target group: All BCEC members  
Ministry includes: Prayer Network, Stephen Ministry, and Health Support



District Prayer Group



Prayer requests are shared through emails and phone chains with members of the Prayer Network.



En-Hang Cancer Support Ministry

# Edification & Fellowships (English)

## Children's Ministry in Chinatown Campus



Children Celebrating Christmas



Children learning and growing in the Lord in the nursery, Kids Worship, and Sunday School.



## Chinatown Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School (Chinatown)  
Group photo



Children checking results of the science  
experiment during Vacation Bible  
School (Chinatown)



Experiencing the  
story of faith of  
Peter walking on  
water

## Chinatown English Youth Sunday School

Life stage: Youth  
Attendance: 45 students among 4 classes



This is Teacher Josh's 7th-grade Youth Sunday School class. They are eager to learn about how to model Christ's love through their words and deeds.



This is Teacher Josh's 8th-grade Youth Sunday School class. They are eager to learn about how to model Christ's love through their words and deeds.



This is Teacher Josh having lunch with some of his awesome 8th-grade Youth Sunday School students. It has been a true joy and privilege to teach and bond with them the past two years.

## Teens with a Reason Fellowship (TWR)

Life stage: High school students (9th - 12th grade)  
Attendance: Summer 45, school year 30



Calvin preaching on a Friday night for TWR

TWR playing a game in a circle.



## Teens Fellowship

Life stage: High school students (9th-12th grade)  
Attendance: 40 people



Teens hanging out at our new space at 120 Shawmut Ave.



Teens playing community sports



Teens and counselors hanging out

# Chinatown English College Ministry

Life stage: College students  
Attendance: ~50 people



College Retreat 2016 at Brookwoods, NH



College Trellis Christmas Celebration



College Ministry launched its weekly College Large Group for the summer, meeting every Friday

## Chinatown Adult Large Group

Life stage: Adults  
Attendance: 50-60 people



The Fall Adult Retreat takes place in September of each year. This past year our guest speaker was Greg Mozel. The theme was "When I feel like Giving Up."

## Chinatown Adult Small Groups

Life stage: Adults  
Attendance: 5 groups, with total average attendance of 60



Small group went to Connors Farm for an offsite during the fall for some apple picking.



Small group had a potluck gathering.



Small group had an end of the year BBQ at 120 Shawmut Ave.

# Newton Children's Sunday School

Life stage: Children from age 2 to 6th grade  
 Attendance: 95 people in 6 classes



CSS 2016 Class Photos



Three CSS graduates to give commencement address

Children Sunday school (CSS) in Newton campus is serving more than 90 children this year. Table 1 tabulates the number of children (grouped by children of church members and visitors) in each class. We thank the 14 dedicated teachers who provided their Godly love, patience, and time in 6 classes, as well as the 7 teachers who served in the summer. In addition, Pastor Barry organized a musical for the Christmas party this past year.

Table 1: Number of children in each CSS class

Grade	Members	Visitors
PS2	6	5
PS3-4	12	9
K-G1	18	6
G2-3	21	9
G4-5	26	9
G6	7	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>39</b>

## Newton Children's Sunday School



CSS group picture



Christmas Musical in Dec 2015

## Web of Women

Life stage: Women in Chinatown English Congregation  
Attendance: 20-30 people



Guest speaker Kathy Tuan-MacLean leads a workshop on examining all the areas of our life in light of God's desires for us.



Guest speaker Miltinnie Yih speaks to our women on the topic of honoring God in our priorities.

Guest speaker Cenia Wong Tupaj shares the lessons God has taught her as a college student until now as a wife and new mother.



# Newton Campus Junior Worship

Life stage: 2 yrs to grade 6  
Attendance: 55 children.

Newton Campus Junior Worship has 2 divisions – preschool (20-25 children), and elementary (30-35 children). Jr. Worship is staffed by a rotating group of volunteers: 2 preschool teachers, 4 elementary teachers, 2 A/V persons and 4 preschool helpers.



Saying "Good-Bye" to Teacher Edna at Jr. Worship in May.

Our dedicated and faithful teachers.



This year, Jr. Worship learned about God's redemption plan throughout the Old and New Testament in solving a mystery in the person of Jesus through fun and games and crafts.



# Together in One Bucket (TIOB)

Life stage: Teens in Grades 7-12  
Attendance: 25 people



TIOB Pumpkin Carving



TIOB at start of the year



TIOB Skating

# Newton English Congregation Women's Ministry

Life stage: Women  
Attendance: Average 25 people



Be A Friend Tea

The Newton Women's Ministry serves to build communities that support women's spiritual growth. Our purpose is to help women connect to God, to each other, and to the other ministries of our church. In the past year, we have hosted semi-annual women's teas, met in women's small groups, coordinated attendance at the Women of Faith Conference, encouraged prayer groups, made beautiful crafts, and enjoyed fellowship together.



Royal Tea



Women of Faith Conference

## Chinatown English Family Fellowship

Life stage: Family



Though our Family Fellowship members are mostly from the Chinatown Campus, we have been blessed to use the facilities at Newton Campus for our monthly meetings—usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays of most months.



Fellowship members share experiences and discuss the teachings during a monthly meeting of the Family Fellowship.

# Outreach

## Local Evangelism Department

Committees: Sandra Chan, Ying Pui Cheung



Retreat at Wonderland Conference Center on April 16, 2016. Anna Fan led the team to a day of "Rest and Be Still in God"



Partnering with Boston Local Mission, we had an Evangelical Event Night on July 30, 2016. That night, eleven people accepted Christ.



"Abundant Life Outreach Banquet" took place on March 26; speaker Dr. Esther Su delivered a message of "Abundant Life." Brothers and sisters invited their friends, relatives, and family; the response was overwhelming. 300 tickets were sold out quickly.



Same as last year, we partnered with Lorraine of Chinatown Children's Ministry and threw a Christmas party for the parents while their kids were at the Children's Christmas Party.

## Local Evangelism Department



Annual August  
Moon Festival  
Booth in  
Chinatown



In response to the theme of the year "Mobilize to Evangelize," Local Evangelism Department re-initiated the visitation ministry. It is now a monthly mission to share God's love and Good News to our neighbors and the Chinese-speaking community.

## Social Responsibility Committee

Committee members: Jocelyn Chu, Jay Leung, Kim Szeto, John Wong, Sharon Yip, Pastoral Staff: Pastor Kenneth Kwong, Steve Liu



Mr. Mako Nagasawa addressing the Mandarin congregation



Dr. Mark Harden speaking at Newton for SR Conference



Boston Rescue Mission collage



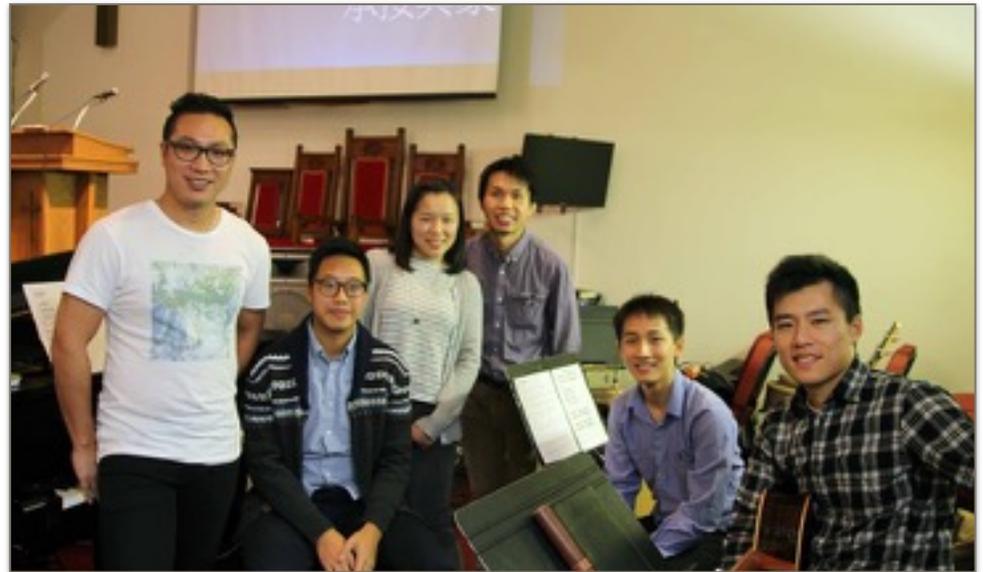
Elder Bak Fun Wong speaking at the SR Conference

## Missions Committee

Chairman: Rev. Enoch Liao , General Secretary: Michael Ho, Pastoral Staff: Rev. Daniel Chan, Peter Wong  
Members: Moses Lam, Lorraine Ho, Martin Chiu, Margaret Lam, Louisa Poon



BCEC Missions Committee members (from left):  
Moses Lam, Lorraine Chung, Michael Ho, Margaret Lam,  
Louisa Poon, Martin Chiu. (Not in photo -- Pastor Enoch Liao  
and Minister Peter Wong)



Annual Missions Conference Music Worship Team



Nov 13-15, 2015 Annual Missions Conference Sunday Workshop

## ESL/Citizenship Classes

Target group: immigrants

Attendance: About 125 students enrolled in 7 ESL classes and 2 Citizenship Classes



60 Students attended Basic Phonics Class



Hepatitis Workshop

7 ESL classes were held at our new 120 Shawmut Avenue facility. We plan to have all our classes moved to that building for the upcoming fall semester. Teacher Winnie Gee who retired after serving faithfully in this ministry for 25+ years will be dearly missed.

About 125 people from our Community English classes, Ruth Fellowship and the community attended the free Hepatitis B Screening and Workshop held on Friday evening (4/8) and Saturday morning (4/9). Team HBV at Harvard gave the presentation, and our Dr. and Elder Jack Lee held the Q&A session. The workshop was presented in Cantonese and Mandarin with Ling-Mei Wong translating.

Minister Peter Wong shared an evangelistic message with our students on the last day of class (6/11) during the closing ceremony. Ida Kwong, Kimble Wong, and Jay Leung led the singing before the message.

The summer Basic Phonics class was held on 4 Saturday mornings in July with about 60 students attending. The teaching team includes Isabella Lau, Ann Lau, Fun Lau, Amy Kunhua Li, Mei-Hua Li, and Daniel Ting with administrative help from Lung Lau.



Closing Ceremony

## Project Destiny

Target group: Community Youth Outreach  
Attendance: 37 campers



Project Destiny Charting and Worship



Project Destiny Field Trip: George's Island



Project Destiny Free Time and board games



Project Destiny Lab: Magnificent Mechanisms

## Project Destiny Autumn to Spring

Target group: Community Youth Outreach  
Attendance: 60 campers



PDAS 2016 staff photo



Students doing homework at 120 Shawmut Ave.



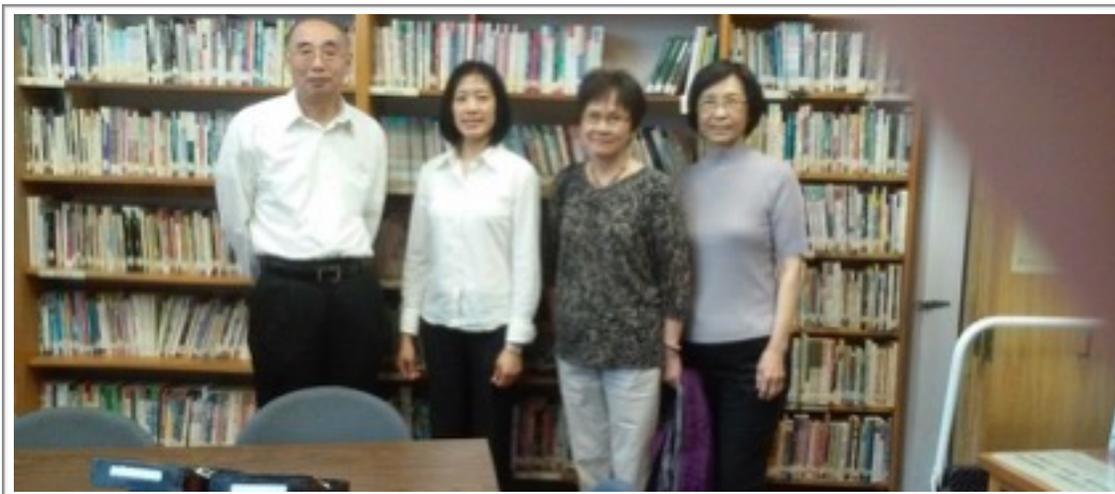
PDAS Students group photo



PDAS End of Year Memorial Day Mini-golf Event

## Chinatown Library

Target group: All people attending Chinatown English and Chinese services and the pastoral staff  
Size of ministry: 10 library staff serving all 4 Chinatown Congregations



Library committee members: Chiu Yung Leung, Yu Fee Chin, Fenice Tu, Alec Li



Library staff lunch meeting with Pastor Daniel Chan. In picture from right to left: Steven Choi, Yu Fee Chin, Lucia Lee, Alec Li, Lesi Yu, Fenice Tu, Pastor Daniel Chan, Mei Mei Cheung, Chiu Yung Leung, Blenda Lau, Linda Loo.



Library staff Lesi Yu on duty with patron James Young.

## Newton Library

Target group: All people attending Newton English and Chinese services and the pastoral staff



The library in room 208 looks neat after books are re-organized.



A brother is reading in the Library in room 208.



The library cart in the Fellowship Hall during refreshment time after Sunday service.



The mobile library cart attracted attention.

## AWANA Children's Ministry

Target group: Children from 3 years old to 6th Grade  
Size of Ministry: Over 100 students and 15 teachers



AWANA Children's Ministry at the Newton Campus meets on every Friday night.

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