



**Boston Chinese Evangelical Church  
2020 Annual Congregational Meeting  
October 25, 2020, 2:00pm**

Meeting Facilitator: Kevin Fong, Chairman of the Board of Deacons (BOD)  
Translators: Michael Ho and Joyce Chan  
Secretary: Julia Zhu  
Location: Zoom Video Conference Call

**1. Opening Prayer**

Pastor Enoch Liao opened the meeting in prayer.

**2. Calling the Meeting to Order**

As of yesterday, BCEC has 1,205 members, with 302 needed for a quorum. 564 members have registered attendance and votes by proxy. The proxy holders are Deacon Anthony Lai, Pastor Andy Su, Pastor Ken Liu, and Elder Chuk-Lam Yuen. Because at least 1 proxy holder is present, a quorum is established.

**3. Words from the Senior Pastor**

Pastor Daniel reflected on the 40 years the Israelites spent in the wilderness before entering the Promised Land. The difficult journey is to humble the Israelites to know what is in their hearts and to teach that man does not live on bread alone but on every word from the Lord. Most of the past year has been difficult for the world, society, and our church, and indeed we are passing through our own wilderness. Pastor Daniel shared that may Deuteronomy 8:1, 3, 16 strengthen us, and may we trust in the end that the wilderness journey would go well. We have heard the word "disruption" a lot, and the church should understand that changes nowadays come abruptly and discontinuously. These changes call for a church that is less hierarchical, more mobile, and outwardly focused. Pastor Daniel shared he prays to be a leader who cultivates an environment that enables innovation and releases missional imaginations among the people of God, and that members, as valuable assets, will never cease to cultivate missional impulses. May God continue to use BCEC as a blessing to members, friends, and society.

**4. Words from our Chairperson, Board of Deacons**

Chairman of the BOD Kevin Fong and Deaconess Jessica So discussed the voter registration process for the meeting.

Chairman of the BOD Kevin Fong shared a few words on behalf of the BOD. He shared his experience on a short-term missions trip to East Asia, where the area was devastated by an earthquake and flood several years prior. When one of the team members asked, "where is God, that people should suffer like this," he recalled the book, "Suffering and the Sovereignty of God" by John Piper and words from the Christian song, "Sovereign Over Us." He shared that the Lord faithfully provided Pastor Daniel as the Senior Pastor, and Ben Wong and Ryan So as

pastoral staff, as well as our financial needs. God has also taught us to adapt to change and trust him. Due to the pandemic, our BCEC congregation adjusted how we met, and more members participated in voting than ever before. He thanked the congregation, deacons, and staff, but above all, our Lord who is good and faithful.

## **5. 2019-2020 Financial Report and 2020-2021 Budget**

Deacon Anthony Lai presented the FY19-20 General Fund, with total income of \$2,308,655 (around \$600 thousand less than last year's income) and total expense of \$2,060,185 (also decreased due to minimal on-site usage given the pandemic). The net surplus is \$248,469. Our ending surplus balance for the year is \$1,499,623. The Insurance Payment and Loss of Property relates to the construction incident at 120 Shawmut, which will be covered entirely by insurance. The proposed General Fund budget for FY20-21 is **\$2,825,427**, 2.6% less than the prior year's budget. In FY20-21, some of the surplus from the General Fund (\$100 thousand) and FCM Fund (\$280 thousand) will be spent to perform Newton renovations during the pandemic shutdown, with only \$115 thousand included in the FY20-21 General Fund Budget.

The Charity Fund income for FY19-20 is \$103,436, with expenses of \$85,430, for a net surplus of \$18,006. The ending surplus balance is \$68,869. The proposed budget for FY20-21 is the same as last year's budget, **\$43,000**.

The Missions Fund income was \$333,873, with expenses of \$301,101, for a net surplus of \$32,772. The ending surplus balance is \$268,847. The Missions Committee has a plan to spend down the surplus, with 50% for missionaries' projects and 50% towards retirement funds for missionaries. The proposed budget for FY20-21 is the same as the prior year's budget, **\$352,800**.

The Expansion Fund income was \$154,771, with expenses of \$6,775, for a net surplus of \$147,997. The ending surplus balance is \$4.14 million. Once a final plan for expansion is solidified, it will be presented to the congregation for approval. The proposed budget for FY20-21 is **\$110,000**.

FY2019 changes in funds include the FCM Fund (ending balance \$280 thousand) and the Sale of 249 Harrison Ave. (ending balance \$9.64 million).

Kevin reviewed the voting registration process once more. Bing Yee asked if it is possible that he voted yesterday. Kevin clarified that if you submitted your vote by proxy previously and do not intend to change your vote, you do not need to vote again.

## **6. 2019 Annual General Assembly Meeting Minutes**

Kevin motioned to approve the 2019 Annual General Assembly Meeting Minutes. Christina Lee (李朱志慧) seconded the motion. Kevin directed the members in attendance to make their selection in ElectionBuddy.

## **7. 2020 Special General Assembly Meeting Minutes**

Kevin motioned to approve the 2020 Special General Assembly Meeting Minutes. John Wong (黃翰欣) seconded the motion. Kevin directed the members in attendance to make their selection in ElectionBuddy.

## **8. 2020-2021 BCEC Budgets for General, Mission, Charity, and Expansion Funds**

Kevin motioned to approve the 2020-2021 BCEC Budgets for all four BCEC funds. Andy Te (戴安樂) seconded the motion. Kevin directed the members in attendance to make their selection in ElectionBuddy.

## **9. Promotion of Calvin Chu to Assistant Pastor and Elder (Pending Ordination)**

Kevin reviewed the ordination process for Calvin Chu. Kevin motioned to approve Calvin Chu to be a BCEC Assistant Pastor and Elder pending his ordination ceremony later this year. Vince Lau (劉偉強) seconded the motion. Kevin directed the members in attendance to make their selection in ElectionBuddy.

## **10. Nominees for Board of Deacons 2-Year Terms**

Kevin presented the nominees for two-year terms on the Board of Deacons: Kevin Fong, Tanya Chen, Joyce Lin, Andy Te, and Nelson Wong.

Anthony (黎志陽) motioned to approve Kevin Fong, Tanya Chen, Joyce Lin, Andy Te, and Nelson Wong for two-year terms on the Board of Deacons. Charissa Lin (林凱俐) seconded the motion. Kevin directed the members in attendance to make their selection in ElectionBuddy.

Kevin stated that the voting period is now closed, and the votes will be tabulated by two Deacons and one congregation member.

## **11. Appreciation of BCEC Staff and Elders**

A Elder and Staff Appreciation video was played. Kevin appreciated the BCEC Staff and Elders.

## **12. Announcements**

BCEC's Church-wide Response Team continues to monitor regionally and nationally. They have determined that there will be no in-person worship services through December.

## **13. Report on the Results of Voting**

Proxy holders are attending the meeting, so the proxy votes are counted, and we have met quorum. There were 613 votes, and we are pleased to announce that all motions have been approved by majority vote by those attending the meeting as well as those who voted by proxy.

The 2019 Annual General Assembly Meeting and 2020 Special General Assembly Meeting Minutes, all 2020-2021 budgets, Calvin Chu's promotion to Assistant Pastor and Elder, and all deacon nominees have been approved by majority vote.

Kevin thanked everyone involved in the annual meeting process and members for their adaptability for meeting changes this year.

## **14. Closing Prayer and Benediction**

Pastor Daniel closed the meeting in prayer and gave the benediction.