



## CCiL English Ministry Church Communication – August 2023

As the church transitions towards a language-based ministry (LBM) structure, we have reviewed the ministry responsibilities and postings of our pastoral staff team at this time.

Our English Ministry currently consists of The Next Generation (TNG) across CCiL, and two main adult groups, namely the Truth and Grace (TAG) Congregation – formerly known as the Hammersmith English Congregation – and the New Soho Congregation (NSC) English community.

Each member of the English Ministry pastoral staff team has a primary responsibility, with those who are full-time also having additional involvement in other areas. The team works together and meets regularly to ensure that there is a unified strategy and team approach to the leadership and pastoral oversight of the English Ministry as a whole. Therefore church members can expect to see our pastoral staff connecting with ministry groups across different locations from time to time.

Earlier this year, Pastor Pui Ho took up the post of Acting Senior Pastor for CCiL. In addition to his duties as Acting Senior Pastor and supporting the other language groups, he continues to provide pastoral oversight of the TAG Congregation in Hammersmith.

The TAG Congregation in Hammersmith is also served by Katie Wan, our part-time pastoral worker, whose focus is on women's ministry, counselling, and supporting discipleship groups. She will be taking a preaching course in the coming term.

Pastor Ollie Knight transitions into leading the English Ministry, facilitating its task force in the LBM process, whilst providing pastoral oversight of the Soho English community and supporting TNG. He also commences part-time postgraduate studies in Practical Theology and Ministry.

Charis Hung now takes on the responsibility for the TNG Youth Ministry, working with the team to provide direction and support to each of the youth groups, whilst overseeing the team of youth leaders in ALIVE, Hammersmith. She also continues to support our adults as part of the wider English Ministry team.

John Ho has been a pastoral intern in the Soho English community and commences his first term as a pastoral worker in September. He continues to provide pastoral oversight of 360 Student Fellowship for university students and support the youth leaders in Youth 4 Christ, Soho.

The internship of Haynam Sham is to be extended as she continues to lead the team of youth leaders in Ignite, Croydon, as part of the TNG Youth Ministry team, as well as serving in 360 Student Fellowship and exploring other ministry areas. She also continues an online course in Contemporary Discipleship and her future role will be reviewed in 2024.

Our immediate recruitment priorities are for the Youth Ministry groups in both Croydon and Colindale.

Within TNG, as well as the Youth Ministry for secondary school ages, there is also Kids Church for primary school ages. As the majority of families in CCiL are Cantonese, our pastoral worker for Kids Church, Gladys Ng, is aligned to the Cantonese Ministry and is based mainly in Hammersmith, whilst continuing to support the teams across the church.

The aim of the English Ministry Task Force in the coming year is to seek the Lord's heart together, to:

- (1) discern a common vision and direction for the English Ministry;
- (2) identify areas for alignment and effective use of resources to strengthen our ministry groups;
- (3) work towards establishing a structure and leadership team to take the English Ministry forward.

We look forward to sharing regular updates with the church community as the English Ministry develops further.