

NSC Sharing - Intentional Discipleship Fellowship Journey

About a year and a half ago, I shared my vision and need for "Discipleship Training" with the deacons and core leaders of the Cantonese ministry of NSC, and I didn't expect that God had moved more than 20 leaders to join the two years to embark on this "Discipleship Training" together. In fact, most of them have served in different important positions in the church, and they are already busy, and they also have work and family needs, but they still think that this training is a rare opportunity for them to grow together. Praise the Lord that who has moved these leaders to walk together.

"Discipleship Training" – I believe that you are not too unfamiliar with members who have in the church for a while, and you may have already been trained or helped to train. However, I believe that different people's concepts of "Discipleship Training" may be a little different.

If we say "Devotion", you may also have an impression of what it is, which is roughly to take a quiet time every day to read the Bible, meditate, get close to God, etc. But when it comes to "Discipleship Training", I wonder what comes to your mind?

When someone learns that we are doing "Discipleship Training", the first question most people ask is, "What

textbooks or materials do you use?" The focus of our training is not really on textbooks or materials, but on having a heart that is willing to be honest about the dark side of our spiritual life and to grow together. So we have a large group meeting every month, we first bring out a thematic application from the Bible, and then focus on putting the Bible into practice, we share with each other in a small group whether we have had weaknesses or failures in this area, and then we spend a month paying special attention to our growth in the direction of the theme, how we can overcome by the Holy Spirit, and the next month we come back and share our successes and failures in the small group, so that we look after each other, including pastor and pastoral workers, and we also share our weaknesses and growth.

As time goes by, we have been doing this "Discipleship Training" for one year, and although we are not making super great spiritual progress, at the very least, we will regularly look after and share with each other, encourage each other, and be more sensitive to the work of the Holy Spirit in us. May God Himself would prune us, remove our weaknesses or blind spots of growth, and seek breakthroughs in our spiritual lives! May the glory be given to God!

Pastor Joseph Siu

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to make disciples of Jesus
to transform London
and the world!**

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Staff Notice

Praise God that Laura Yu has joined the church finance team from 1st May 2024. She's no stranger to the church family, she has worked as HR & Compliance Officer over the last two years. Due to recent change in the church administration, we invited Laura to transit to Finance Administrator role to further support the finance function also better utilise her past diverse skills including accounting to serve the church. We are very thankful she has willingly accepted this role. We wish her the best in her theological studies, serving and personal life. May God's abundant grace be with her.

Laura can be contacted by email: laura.yu@ccil.org.uk

Staff on Leaves (incl. holidays, TOIL, sick leave, training, camp, etc.) * ½ day

Pastoral Team

Ps CK Cheung 30 April-10 May
Vicky Li 30 April-19 May
Anita Tang 5-21 May
Gladys Ng 7 May
Collins Tam 7 May
Haynam Sham 7-8* May
Charis Hung 7-8* May
Ps Ollie Knight 7-8*, 10, 11* &
12* May

John Ho 7-8* May
16-28 May
Jackie AU 8*-26 May
Matthew Yeung 8*-26 May
Vincent Chan 14 May

Admin Team

Michael Lui 9 May
Thomas Yuen 10 May

“Be a Twenty-first Century Relevant Christian” Sharing and Exchange Gatherings

Living a meaningful and even impactful life, in the midst of all the challenges around us at both public and private arenas.

Facilitator: Dr Raymond Kwong (TearFund)

Gathering 1

18th May, 11am, PSW hall@WMC



- ◆ **Christian Mission – Is and is not**
Overview of the theology of holistic gospel
- ◆ **My (Our) life and God’s Mission**
Discerning our life mission in terms of God’s mission

Date, time and venue for the following gatherings are to be confirmed

Gathering 2

- ◆ **Facing contemporary social issues 1 (Poverty, creation care and inequality)**
Taking a look at some pressing social issues around the globe from a biblical and theological lens

Gathering 3

- ◆ **Facing contemporary social issues 2 (War, violence, human trafficking and human rights)**
Taking a look at some pressing social issues around the globe from a biblical and theological lens

Gathering 4

- ◆ **Living a balanced life in Christ**
Serving God’s mission and meeting our everyday life needs are not a zero-sum game. How’s God’s calling and our life should be integrated? How can we be even more effective in all aspects of our life?

28 April 2024 Sunday Physical Attendance

Location Service	WMC	SOC	CRO	COL	HOU	STD	Total
Cantonese	355	343	178	130	47	89	1142
Mandarin	72	100	33	55			260
English	60	74					134
Youths	70	22	62	31			185
Kids Church	88	40	35	38	6		207
ALL (incl. Newcomers)	645	579	308	254	53	89	1928

Location

WMC : Worship & Ministry Centre
SOC : Soho Outreach Centre
CRO : Croydon
COL : Colindale
HOU : Hounslow
STD : Stratford

Note:

Youths & Kids Church included serving adults

Newcomers	WMC	SOC	CRO	COL	HOU	STD	Total
Cantonese	1	4	5	4	0	5	19
Mandarin	1	5	0	1			7
English	0	1					1
Total	2	10	5	5	0	5	27

*22 Apr - 28 Apr 2024 Offerings

	HCC	HMC	TAG	NS	CR	HS	CL	STD	OFF	Total	^Cumulative Total	Target
General	4,253	89	1,348	6,629	1,305	414	939	604	220	15,801	503,441	1,400,000
Building	188	0	13	125	125	0	0	0	0	450	443,884	750,000
Mission	675	0	200	1,028	0	0	0	0	0	1,903	44,547	142,240
TEF	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	63	3,969	20,000
Communion	50	20	63	76	0	0	0	0	0	208	18,203	
Care links	63	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	125	12,963	50,000
TOTAL	5,228	109	1,623	7,982	1,430	414	939	604	220	18,549	1,027,006	

Remarks:

*Amount as of Sunday 23:59pm and any rounding difference has been included in these figures.

*The above figures do not include Bank transfer/ Standing order offering.

^ **Cumulative Total:** General, Mission, Communion and Carelinks Funds are from 1st Jan 2024.

Building Fund is from Oct 2018 and part of this fund was used to repay Building Fund Interest Free Loan (Loan balance is £36,000).

Theological Education Fund (TEF) target is for the period from Jan 2024 to Dec 2024.

Gift Aid Amount Reclaimable from HMRC has been included in these figures.

Congregations

HCC: Cantonese
HMC: Mandarin
TAG: Truth & Grace
NS: New Soho
CR: Croydon

HS: Hounslow
CL: Colindale
STD: Stratford
OFF: Church Office
TNG: The Next Generation

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