南區購地似乎是發展教會所必須的。請問比較長遠的計劃是什麼?

(1) 購地以後,如何付 mortgage?

答(韋江牧師,海國執事):沒有 Mortgage,只有南區弟兄姐妹的無息貸款。貸款將通過南區建堂基金,和南區常費奉獻的盈餘來付清。執事會經過與南區同工協商之后,提出了一個具體的還款方案,並已經得到教會聯會的批准。母堂將提供不超過\$55,000 的建堂奉獻匹配基金,並將南區常費奉獻減去南區開支的一半轉至南區建堂基金。按該方案執行,貸款會於 2017年 6 月付清。

(2) 南區將比照西區建堂。經費從何而來?

答(韋江牧師): 南區建堂將會基於南區弟兄姐妹為建堂的奉獻,南區教會的結餘,以及發行債券(bond)來彌補資金不足的方式自己籌集。

(3) 什麼時候成為獨立教會?

答(韋江牧師,利欽長老):長老團在二月份會議上剛對南區提出要求,讓南區教會准備獨立的計劃包括時間表。但南區的同工目前還沒有進行正式而具體的討論,所以還沒有確切的日期。也許只能說是不遠的將來。

(4) "建堂"以後,教會"建人"的長期計劃是什麼?

答: (韋江牧師) 我們充分意識到門徒的建造是植堂最重要的。教會的建人,不只是教導他們知識。更重要的,乃是培養他們可以按照聖經的教導,活出主耶穌的生命來。因此,建堂本身,就是建人的計劃的一部分,而且是非常重要的一部分。不然,我們的信仰就只是停留在頭腦裡而已。過去我們一直教導弟兄姐妹,該如何尋求上帝的旨意。這一次,南區的弟兄姐妹實際操練了這一部分,看到了一個教會,該如何一起尋求上帝的旨意,這不正是建人計劃中的一部分嗎?!

(5) 如果南區要在 06/2017 以前建堂,建堂前要將產權還給南區(獨立和西區一樣)才能賣債券。是否如此?

答(韋江牧師):若是南區在那之前還沒有獨立,南區就沒有資格自己發行債券,必須有母會來執行。若是南區那時獨立了,我們相信母會會將產權還給南區。

(6) 在 Sharon 是不是也有 Old Spring Rd?

答(利欽長老):我們很感謝這個問題。雖然在 Google 地圖上我們在 Sharon 找不到 Old Spring Rd,但我們從當年 CBCGB 在 Lexington 購買 149 Old Spring Rd 地產和今天南區在 Sharon 購買 383 Old Post Rd 地產中看到許多共同之處:緊靠高速公路,交通方便,華人居民迅速增加,更重要的,同工們在為教會尋找場地時同心合一。

Q1: What is the plan to pay the mortgage for the purchased property?

A (Pastor Jiang and Deacon Haiguo): There is no mortgage but interest free loan from Metro-South (MS) brothers and sisters. The loans will be paid off by MS Building Fund offering and the surplus of the MS general offerings. Deacons made a detailed plan with MS leadership team, which has been approved by church council. CBCGB will provide up to \$55,000 matching fund to the MS building fund offering. In addition, church will allocate 50% of surplus (MS general fund offering minus general expenses) towards MS Building Fund at the end of Fiscal Year 2015, 16 and 17. It is projected that all loans will be paid back at the end of June 2017.

Q2: How Metro South will finance for future church buildings on the property?

A (Pastor Jiang): The source of the funds will be: special offering for building fund and surplus of MS general fund offerings. The rest will be covered by issuing bond.

Q3: When Metro South will become an independent church?

A (Pastor Jiang, Elder Liqin): In the February BoE meeting, elders requested that MS make a plan with timetable for church independence. MS coworkers have not discussed the subject, so there is no target date at this time. It should not be very long.

Q4: What is the plan for "building people" after purchasing the property for church building?

A (Pastor Jiang): We fully recognize this most important part in church planting: discipleship. Teaching Bible knowledge is only part of the discipleship. The life testimony is actually more important part of discipleship in serving the church. Actually, the great unity and commitment shown during this property purchase is a good example, that MS coworkers pray together and search for God's will.

Q5: If Metro South needs to build church before June 2017, should CBCGB give the property back to Metro South (independent like Metro West) before issuing bonds for new building?

A (Pastor Jiang): If MS does not get independent by then, it would not be able to issue bonds and the bond issue has to go through mother church. On the other hand, if Metro South does get independent, we believe CBCGB will give the property ownership to MS.

Q6: Is there an Old Spring Rd in Sharon?

A (Elder Liqin): We truly appreciate the question. Although there is no Old Spring Rd in Sharon according to Google Map, we did see great commonalities between the purchases of 149 Old Spring St. in Lexington for CBCGB years ago and 383 Old Post Rd in Sharon for MS today: very convenient locations by highways, booming Chinese populations in the town, and most important, great unity among the coworkers in searching the facility.