

Church-wide Information Meeting Minutes

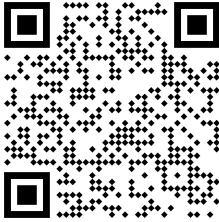
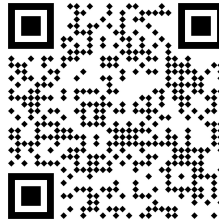
全教會溝通座談會

April 5, 2020

A. Location: Online via vimeo

B. Meeting Agenda & Minutes

- a. Meeting started at 3:04 pm. Elder KC welcomed attendees and Pastor Pan opened in prayer.
- b. Personnel Change Report from 10/2019 to 3/2020 人事更動報告 (Elder KC)
 - i. 2/5/2020: Minister Taylor Birkhimer joined CBCGB served in Youth Ministry 柏恩光傳道加入教會青少年事工
 - ii. 3/1/2020: Children Ministry Director Tony Ng joined CBCGB served in Children Ministry 兒童事工主任吳英儒加入教會兒童事工
 - iii. 3/31/2020: Property Manager Ruth Lu Wang Resigned 產物管理經理王路得離職
- c. Ministry Report (Pastors)
 - i. Churchwide 全教會 (Pastor Pan)
 1. Jubilee Celebration (Oct. 2019) 慶祝50週年/禧年
 - a. Sabbath, Reunion, Review, Reconstruction, Renewal 安息、家庭團聚、回顧、重建、更新
 2. New Milestone and New Year Resolution (Jan. 2020) 新的里程碑
 - a. Make Church a family, a body, and a shining star 使教會成為家、成為身體、成為明燈
 3. Trial: COVID-19 Pandemic (Mar. 2020--) 新里程碑的考驗--新冠狀病毒傳染
 - a. A trial before we take new commission? 承擔新使命前的預備?
 4. Two coworkers have onboarded (Minister of Youth Ministry & Director of Children Ministry) and the CB Pastor search is ongoing 兩位新同工就任(青少年事工傳道和兒童事工主任), 繼續聘任英文堂牧師的過程
 - ii. Chinese Ministry (CM) 中文部 (Pastor Yuegang)
 1. CM fellowships actively participated in ministries 團契積極參與各項教會服事
 2. Gatherings with love to outreach to seekers before COVID-19 在疫情以前中文部團契舉行了各樣的外展活動
 3. Gatherings online, helping each other during COVID-19 在新冠肺炎期間, 網上團契, 彼此幫助
 - a. Weekly Online worship > 360 units 每週網上崇拜 >360 單位
 - b. Online fellowship gathering > 260 units 網上團契 >210單位
 - c. Adult Sunday School >118 units 成人主日學 >118單位
 4. Stephen Ministry
 - a. Trained many coworkers through the years
 - b. Caring for many brothers and sisters
 - c. This year's retreat is postponed due to COVID-19
 - iii. City Outreach Ministry (COM) 城區事工 (Pastor Duane)
 1. 10 newly born babies (Sep. 2019 -May 2020) 10位新生兒誕生
 2. 9 newly baptized in Dec. 2019 9位新受洗的弟兄姊妹
 3. 12 candidates for baptism in Apr. 2020 12位預備受洗的弟兄姊妹
 4. Mainly students and young professionals
 - a. All meetings are online
 - b. Some newcomers have joined online
 - c. Each Friday, more than 200 join online

- i. Half are undergraduate or graduate students
 - ii. 25% are Young Professionals
 - iii. Rest are Young Families
 - iv. Children's Ministry 兒童事工 (Pastor Bowman)
 - 1. Empower God's Children Conference "使神的孩子茁壯"事工研討會
 - a. At CBCGB on February 29th
 - b. 140 people registered
 - i. Half from CBCGB
 - c. How to Empower God's Children at home, at church and in the community
 - 2. New Children's Director 3/1/2020 - Tony Ng 新任兒童事工主任: 吳英儒, 03/01/2020 就任
 - a. Due to COVID-19, Tony created Children's Ministry webpage
 - i. Includes Children Worship every Sunday
 - ii. Has received great feedback
 - 3. Attendance Highs: 出席人數:
 - a. Session 1 - 121 主日第一堂-121
 - b. Session 2 - 101 第二堂-101
 - c. Friday night (AWANA) - 98 星期五-98
 - 4. Children Ministry Coworkers - 100+ 超過100位同工參與兒童事工
 - 5. Pastor Bowman scheduled for second half Sabbatical June - August 2020 鮑牧師將於2020年6月至8月共休三個月的安息年假
 - 6. How to Better Integrated Family Ministry - Children's Ministry 家庭與兒童事工的結合
 - 7. "Take It Home" Add to Mission Statement 使命宣言加上了: "將屬靈教育延伸到家庭中"
 - a. How to better encourage everything taught at church to be practiced at home as well
 - v. Youth Ministry (Minister Taylor)
 - 1. Retreats in February 2020 (2月退修會)
 - a. Sr High: 108 students; 22 counselors 高中組130位
 - b. Jr High: 73 students; 14 counselors 初中組87位參加
 - c. To see more pictures:
 - i. Jr High: 
 - ii. Sr High: 
 - 2. Brainstorming new ideas for connection in light of COVID-19 思考疫情下建立關係的新作法
 - a. Online small groups and big groups 網上小組
 - i. This past week hosted first big group and had 101 units
 - b. Download Youth Ministry 網上成長材料供下載
 - c. Online Prayer (Pinup) 禱告
 - i. Virtual Board to post prayer requests
 - d. Discord Chat Discord 分享/閒談

3. Taylor & Kylie are here! (Started 02.05.20, Installation on 03.01.20) Taylor & Kylie 2月5日就任了, 3月1日就任典禮
4. If you would like to learn how to partner with YM or join our newsletter, follow our QR code 請透過以下 QR code 了解並參與青少年事工



- vi. Cross Bridge Ministry (CB) (Minister Jeff)
 1. Past Events (過去半年重要聚會)
 - a. Hunter Barnes Mark Drama 馬可福音戲劇讀經,
 - b. "Building a Lasting Marriage" Retreat 夫妻恩愛營
 - c. ICF Retreat 大專退修會
 - i. Theme: Christ, Community and Me
 2. Sermon Series (講道系列)
 - a. Mark: Follow Me 馬可福音: 跟隨我
 - b. Songs of Advent 聖誕頌
 - c. Habakkuk: When God Seems Silent 哈巴谷書: 當神"靜默"時
 - d. How To Get Unstuck Spiritually 如何突破靈性瓶頸
 3. Cross Bridge Social Media (CB網上社群站)
 - a. Facebook: facebook.com/crossbridgebos
 - b. Instagram: @crossbridgebos
 - c. Twitter: @crossbridgebos
 4. Changes (新事工)
 - a. Sunday Prayer Meeting 主日禱告會
 - i. Around 8-10 people attend
 - b. OT Survey Small Group 舊約概論小組
 - c. Live Streaming 線上崇拜和聚會
 - d. Online Giving 線上奉獻
 - e. Upcoming: Realm Realm教會電子管理系統
 - i. Able to:
 1. Online Giving
 2. RSVP for events
 3. Check in kids
 4. Many other benefits
- vii. Pastor Pan remarks
 1. Average age of Pastors are getting younger
 - a. Looking forward to their creativity so that the church can be more connected in the modern age
- d. Response to COVID-19 Pandemic 教會對新型冠狀病毒疫情漫延的回應 (Pastor Pan)
 - i. CBCGB has formed a COVID-19 response team
 1. Consists of various congregation members in the medical field
 2. Have been meeting weekly online
 - ii. Our principle: 教會基本原則

1. Trust God and be prudent 信靠上帝, 謹慎應對
 2. Caring for the health of the congregation 關注全會眾的健康和福祉
 3. Become the witness of God through caring for the well-being of the community and the world 關懷社區和世界, 成為神的見證
 4. Make use of internet technology 使用網路科技
 5. Be creative in ministry adaptation 使用有創意的策略調整事工
 6. We are One church and be One church forever 我們仍然是也永遠是一個教會
- iii. Some Reflection 在疫情中的省思
1. Is the current situation a trial from God to prepare us to take on a bigger future mission? 疫情的傳播是神給我們的考驗, 預備我們能以承擔未來的使命嗎?
 2. How do we take this opportunity to grow in personal spirituality and church ministry? 我們如何把握機會在個人靈命和教會事工上成長?
- iv. What we have done 我們已經在進行的
1. Move meetings online through May 10th 網上聚會到5月10日
 - a. Online streaming worships: CM, CB, COM, ChM 中文堂, 跨越橋, 城區, 兒童事工改為線上崇拜
 - b. Online fellowship/small group meeting and BS 團契/小組改為網上聚會或查經
 - c. Online prayer meeting, coworker meeting and training 網上禱告會, 同工會, 訓練, 成人主日學
 - d. Online hangouts: chats, dinner, devotion, game, baking class 網上交流, 網上靈修, 網上聚餐, 網上遊戲, 網上烘焙課程
 2. Online spiritual resources for personal, family, and fellowship/small group 建立網上資源供個人, 家庭, 團契/小組靈修或敬拜
 3. Temporary close church office 暫時關閉教會辦公室
 4. Doing caring and pastoring online or phone call 透過網路和電話關懷牧養
 - a. Pastoral Staff 教牧同工
 - b. Fellowship and small group counselors and coordinators 團契和小組輔導及召集人
 - c. Among brothers and sisters 弟兄姐妹之間
 - d. Those who are in great needs 有特殊需要的人
- v. Caring for our community 關懷社區, 關懷世界
1. Social concern: 社會關懷事工
 - a. Campaign for donation to Wuhan 推動為武漢疫情需要募款
 - i. Raised over \$17,000 in donations
 - b. Encourage members participate in community service 鼓勵團契推動參與社區服務
 - i. calling and caring seniors and delivering packed food to seniors or needed 電話關懷長輩, 為長輩送餐點
 - ii. encourage blood donation to hospitals 鼓勵捐血供醫院醫療用途
 2. Mission: Caring for the missions in decessae area 宣教委員會: 關懷疫區宣教士的需要
 3. Benevolence Fund: prepare to support those in financial needs. 慈惠基金: 預備提供支援有財務需要的會友
- vi. The events we temporarily cancel and change 聚會或事工調整
1. Adjusted: 調整進行方式:
 - a. Good Friday service 受難日崇拜
 - b. Easter services 復活節崇拜
 2. Cancelled: 取消:
 - a. CM Spring Evangelistic meeting 中文堂春季佈道會
 - b. CM summer retreat 靈命進深營
 - c. CB Easter Outreach CB復活節活動
 - d. MER
 3. Postponed: 延期:
 - a. Stephen Ministry retreat 司提反事工退修會

b. Baptism 洗禮

- vii. What will we do in the near future? 在疫情結束前, 我們應怎麼做?
1. Keep online meetings and activities till 05/10 在5/10以前, 維持線上崇拜、聚會和活動
 2. Study online technology to make it easily accessible 研究網路技術, 使線上聚會更容易操作和上網
 3. Develop and promote more spiritual and healthy online program 發展並推動更多線上屬靈及“健康”的節目及材料
 4. Pay attention to congregation who felt they were left out after online ministry arrangement 格外留意關懷那些網上聚會後被忽視的會友
 5. Online connection to bind the church together 繼續透過線上聯絡將全教會結合在一起
 6. Messages special for Pandemic situation 繼續在信息中回應疫情鼓勵會友
 7. Participate in social concern more 更多參與社會關懷行動
- viii. What shall we do after the pandemic? 在疫情過去後我們將怎麼做
1. A gathering for entire church--giving thanks, review, confession, celebration, fellowship, starting over 舉行一個全教會的聚會—感恩, 反省, 認罪, 慶祝, 交誼, 重新出發
 2. Healing of COVID-19 trauma—messages, caring and pastoring, prayer, fellowship 醫治過去的傷痕—透過信息, 關懷牧養, 團契交誼
 3. Visiting and greeting to those who have not yet back to church 拜訪和問候那些尚未回到教會的會友
 4. Continue to care for the areas that the pandemic has not passed 繼續關懷仍在疫情中的國內外地區
 5. Continue to participate in social concern ministry at our community 繼續參與社會關懷
 6. Resume cancelled and postponed special events 恢復取消或延期的特殊聚會和活動
- ix. Final Message 最後信息
1. Church Strong! 教會堅強!
 2. Will we become strong through the trial to take the future mission? 我們會透過試煉更堅強的承擔未來使命嗎?
- e. Question & Discussion (Elder KC)
- i. Question: How will we support and secure our missionaries abroad while the COVID-19 now prevails in their working fields?
 1. Answer (Elder Ji-yong):
 - a. How do we support:
 - i. Our missionaries all have their own mission sending organizations
 1. We have close contact with these organizations
 - ii. We are supporting them financially and spiritually
 - iii. Some have returned in January for sharing and encouragement
 - iv. Through liaisons of mission committee, we have close contact with our missionaries for their health and safety status
 - v. Dedicated CM Tuesday prayer meeting to missionaries; CB has the same plan
 - b. How do we ensure safety:
 - i. If they need any supplies, we are prepared to support them
 - ii. Names are initialized for those in sensitive serving fields
 - iii. Some were temporarily called back by their sending organizations
 - ii. Question: Is Elder Chris Cheng still planning to head for Japan?
 1. Answer (Elder Chris):
 - a. God is still calling Chris and Emily's family to Japan
 - b. Seeking to trust God's sovereignty to guide during this time
 - c. Still hoping to go to Japan in November
 - iii. Question: What specific ministries we have initiated in response to the COVID-19 pandemics as a church? Brothers and sisters may like to hear cues from the church. Are the following ministries

worthy of considerations: 1) Provide masks to the congregations through group purchases 2) Care for older populations of the congregations in particular 3) Support our neighbors by offering prayers to whoever in need, helping with groceries, picking up medicines, financially helping people in need, etc. 4) Support Christian charity organizations such as Samaritan purse, world vision, etc. 5) Others, more

1. Answer (Pastor Yuegang):
 - a. Previous updates have answered many of these questions
 - b. Social Concerns Ministry has had a lot of discussions
 - c. Support local community
 - d. Right now, the greatest need for hospitals is donation of blood through Red Cross
 - e. If anyone needs masks, contact Social Concerns Ministry
- iv. Question: How is the church preparing financially for the pandemic? Budget? Reserve fund?
 1. Answer (Elder KC):
 - a. Current Financial Health is pretty good
 - b. In February and March, our general fund only has about \$10K in deficit
 - c. Church currently has surplus in the general fund.
 - d. At the end of April, we will start next fiscal year budget discussions
 - e. Will take into account the impact of COVID-19 pandemic
 - f. We have enough reserve funds to run the church for 3 months
 - g. Will continue to monitor church financial situation going forward
- v. Question: 可以在中文成人崇拜，特別是詩歌敬拜部分，加上兒童有興趣的詩歌嗎？我們在（中文堂）敬拜時，要用其他方式（例如 video）分散小孩注意力才能敬拜。怎樣可以一家一起敬拜？ During Chinese worship, can we have songs that children can sing along? We had to use other means (e.g. video) to distract kids while we focus on Chinese worship. How to worship together as a family?
 1. Answer (Pastor Pan):
 - a. We could add one or two children's songs during CM worship
 - b. Challenging to change entire Sunday service to a family service
 - c. We could adjust Children's Ministry's worship to a more family worship
 - d. Invite CM and Children's coworkers to consider making some adjustments
 - e. We cannot satisfy everyone's need in one service
- vi. Question: The church recently created the Family Ministry. As we are confined to our families in this pandemic, does the family ministry have any plans to help and strengthen families of our congregation?
 1. Answer (Pastor Bowman):
 - a. For about 4 or 5 months, several pastors and lay leaders have discussed how to incorporate Family Ministry within CBCGB
 - b. This Saturday the Family Ministry will present their plans to the Board of Elders
- f. Pastor Pan closed in prayer and Elder KC concluded the meeting at 4:34pm