



RICHMOND CHINESE ALLIANCE CHURCH

AGM & Departmental Reports

2014



**Annual General Meeting Senior Pastor Report****Rev. Dr. Simon Yiu Chuen Lee**

I cannot believe that I have already begun my third year at RCAC. The Lord has been gracious to me and the last two years have been years of blessings. People often ask me whether I am adjusting to being a pastor again in Canada after having been a seminary professor for eighteen years in Hong Kong. My answer has always been I am enjoying every moment of it even though it is much more challenging to serve over eight hundred people than teach in the classroom. But because of a team of wonderful pastoral and office staff, and the support of a faithful board of elders, my task had been made light. While number is not the only measure of growth, we thank God that we have averaged over 800 all year, hitting over 900 on several weekends. We also are grateful to the Lord for spiritual growth evident in the lives of many. We shall continue to follow the guidelines we developed in our Five Year Plan last year.

We bade farewell with thankful hearts to two staff who retired after serving faithfully for many years, our office staff Teresa Vlachos and Pastor Ward Gasque. We also welcome since our last AGM, our new English Youth Pastor, Eugene So, and two office support staff, Joyce Chan and Katharine Lee (part time). We are waiting for the Lord's guidance in recruiting a pastor of Evangelism and Mission very soon. With such a strong team that the Lord has blessed RCAC with, I am sure that 2015 will be another fruitful year of ministry.

Four elders will have finished their term by the end of this year, Edmund Wong, Denis Ng, Terence Fong and Sunny Chan. We deeply appreciate their dedication in serving out their term in the last three years. The whole board has been tremendously faithful to their call as elders. May the Lord bless each and every one of them.

There are many things to thank God for in 2014, lest we forget the goodness of the Lord, I am going to count some of the blessings here and the elders will give more details in their reports:

1. Putonghua Ministry launched Putonghua service in September

After launching the Putonghua Fellowship, Esther Fellowship, last year, the group has become a regular core group. After much deliberation, the two elders, Denis Ng and Terence Fong, together with the core committee members, we started the Mandarin (Putonghua) Service on September 14 this year. Praise the Lord! Mary Wang continues to help us as a pastoral intern. Each Sunday at 9 am, we turned the Fellowship Hall into a worship area and the attendance has ranged from 70 to over 100. We praised the Lord for the many members who have come to support this ministry and that it has attracted many new comers, especially from Mainland China. We pray that the Lord will continue to guide us in this ministry so as to reach the great number of Mainlanders that have come to reside in Richmond.



2. Expository Preaching On Missional Themes in 2014

As in the previous year, we have a special topic each quarter, alternating from the Old Testament to the New Testament. May the Lord use His Word that would nourish our souls.

Our preaching series in 2014, we continued on Genesis in the 1st quarter and will be ended on the series of 1 Timothy in December:

Jan-Mar	The Mission of God in the Lives of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Gen 12-36)
Apr-Jun	The Mission of God in the Death & Resurrection of Christ (Luke 18-24); Living Out the Mission of God (The Letter of James)
Jul-Sep	The Mission of God in the Life of Joseph (Gen 37-50)/Focus on Ministries
Oct-Dec	The Mission of God and the Church of Christ (Series on 1 Tim)

We also began to use a new and bigger format for our Chinese worship bulletins in September introducing many new elements to help in the worship services putting all the three services together in one bulletin, with weekly message from the pastors, and room for sermon notes. Needless to say we are grateful for the faithful service of the two choirs in both Cantonese congregations, and our spirits are uplifted each time we come to worship.

3. English and Children Ministries

With the leadership of Rev. Jason Cheung and Karen Quan, and the addition of Eugene So, our new English Youth Pastor, we have a strong team that is taking care of the English and Children Ministries. We are seeing a smoother transition of many children into their teenage years and becoming a vital part of the Sunday English service and our English Ministries. Many parents of the young teens are very supportive and we hope and pray that our teens will become the future leaders of our Church. We now average over 250 in our Sunday English service each week.

4. Christmas Extravaganza 2013

One of the highlight of 2013 was the Christmas celebration which was opened to the public. We wanted to celebrate as a church, but also welcome our neighbours to our church. Hundreds of people packed into our gym and fellowship hall to celebrate Christmas with us, with carols, special presentations and of course food and games. It was a festive and meaningful event.

5. Alpha Programs and Other Evangelistic Activities

Apart from the annual evangelistic outreach through our Alpha ministries where we had scores of decisions for Christ, this year we also had several special speakers to lead devotional and evangelistic meetings. They include Rev. Thomas Chan from Montreal, Dr. Matthew Lui (Lui Sir) from Hong Kong and Mr. Daniel Kam Hong Lee also from Hong Kong. Each and every one of them brought challenging messages to us and many have turned to Christ. Our Praise Dance Class is now in its 5th session and we are happy to see this is also reaching out to some people.



6. Mission Conference 2014 and 37th Church Anniversary

From June 6 to 8, we celebrated our 37th anniversary together with our Mission Conference 2013. We were so privileged to be able to invite Rev. Jonathan Kaan, our veteran C&MA missionary to be our speaker. We were challenged to be truly a Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. Mission will continue to be one of our main emphasis in the new year.

7. B.C. Missions and Short term missions

As in the past year, our teams go regularly to BCIM and Trail each month. We have consolidated our relationship with the Trail Alliance Church and we are now working together to reach the Chinese there. We also support the work in Chilliwack Chinese Alliance and are encouraging and supporting them to purchase their own church building. We have a team going to Hazelton in October to support the Ministry of Pastor Bart there.

This year we continue to be active in short term missions. We have teams going to many countries including Panama, Sweden, the cities of ChungKing, Wuhan, Kaifeng in China, and others.

Our own long-term career missionaries continue to serve faithfully in Ghana, United Kingdom, Jamaica, Hong Kong and different countries served by eMI. May the Lord protect these missionaries and use them in mighty ways to reach the unreached for Christ.

8. UNITY continues

Our quarterly magazine continues to be a fantastic forum and platform for all three congregations to contribute articles, testimonies and sharings which bring us all together as a united church. We have published 6 issues so far and the content each time is very readable and interesting. Praise the Lord!

9. Summer Camp 2014

Again this was a total church event. This year we had our summer camp in August at Trinity Western University. 200 registered for the Camp and we had wonderful fellowship together. Our speaker on the English side was Dr. Jonathon Wilson and our speaker on the Chinese side was Rev. Johnny Wong. The theme was "For such a time as this" and it was very good to reflect on our place and role as Christians in this day and age.

10. Chinese Adult Ministries prosper

The Adult Sunday School continues to grow both on Saturday and Sunday. I have worked with Pastor Bryan Chan to build up the ministry on Saturday, as we see the Saturday congregation growing to a total attendance of nearly 200 people (Sunday Chinese Cantonese congregation has plateau at around 400 as the sanctuary is filled to capacity). On October 1, we bade farewell to our faithful teacher for over 30 years, Edmund Wong, who served without break despite having to do weekly dialysis. He shall remain forever our model of a good and faithful servant of Christ.

Elijah Fellowship continues to grow strong while Joseph Fellowship also grows with new parents who have children in AWANA on Friday evenings. All other fellowships are growing strong also



with new life, with new and faithful committee members. Pastor Bryan is also supporting a group of young parents meeting regularly.

As we end 2014 with the election of new elders, as we will look forward to a new pastoral staff joining us in the new year, as we look to the Lord for His guidance in growing the new Putonghua ministries and other regular ministries, let us draw strength from the Lord of the harvest, and work together hand in hand in the vineyard. Maranatha!



Department: Adult Education

Elder: Johnson Lee

Library

This year we have increased the number of new Chinese and English books, especially the Chinese theological books, as well as video and audio CD. We welcome all brothers and sisters to borrow them. Due to the increase number of books, the existing library does not have sufficient space to keep all the books, we are looking for the possibility of moving to a bigger room; however, space is really limited in our church, we did not carry out the plan. We hope and pray that God will provide us a larger space.

Adult Bible Classes

We provided various topics of courses for our brothers and sisters to attend. In addition to our regular foundation course in Christian faith, there are other courses namely:

“Overview of New Testaments”, “James & Jude”, “John”, “Galatians”, “Mark”, “Learn the Truth from Stories”, “Reading Bible Supplements”, “Psalm”, “Hebrew”, “From the point of view of missionaries to see the development of church in China”, “1 Thessalonians”, “Isaiah”, “Acts and the former church”, “Old Testaments: Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther”. Also, we have organized a new foundation course: “151 new believer’s development”. We hope that these courses will meet the needs of our brothers and sisters and help them to better understand the Bible and know God’s Word.

For the first 3 quarters, we have an average attendance of 130 to 150 people every week (Saturday and Sunday). We will continue to work on the organization of courses, hoping that we can provide a much complete course, to meet the different needs of our congregation.

Christian Education Workshop (September 14, 2014)

Our topic is “Overview of Different Bible Versions”

Rev. Simon Lee and Pastor Bryan Chan had explicitly explained to us the development history of the Bible and the differences between different versions. There were about 100 participants. We had organised a simple lunch together prior to the meeting. All current or former Sunday School teachers are free.



Department: Caring
Elder: Edmund Wong

Praise the Lord that we have more than 30 brothers and sisters serving Him faithfully in caring department this year.

The ministries summary of caring department are as following:

- We hosted a senior appreciation lunch in August this year.
- We hosted welcoming gatherings for new comers in February and June. And will have another gathering in November, totaling three times a year.
- We prepared and presented gifts to every baptismal candidate during baptismal services.
- We worked with the children's ministry department in preparing and distributing gifts to parents on Mother's and Father's day.
- We hosted telecare in February and June, will have the third telecare in November. We care for the congregation via phone calls.
- We have a weekly visitation team, visiting both new comers and members.
- We have a welcoming team on both Saturday and Sunday Cantonese services to welcome new comers and visitors.

Please pray for us, may The Lord continue to bless the team and the ministry.



Department: Children's Ministry

Elder: Terence Fong

2 Corinthians 12:9

But he said to me, **"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."**

A year of God's grace...

Children's ministry never stops but goes through various seasons. Seasons that include the school year ministries but also the summer events. The cycle is varied and we are grateful for God's timely provision whether in the area of volunteers or new children. Although it was challenging, we are so grateful to all on our team who took up extra responsibilities due to the absence of a Youth Pastor. We are thankful that the Lord brought Pastor Eugene So by November 2013 and after a time of transition, Pastor Karen was able to return to her focus on Children by spring.

We grew in the area of leadership development by having Team Leaders in Sunday School which was a good experience for each of our 7 classes. Nursery welcomed Lydia Lee (Sunday AM) as our Co-ordinator & Vivian Chow (Sat. Service) which was timely due to a steady influx of little ones. Awana completed its 21st year of ministry and we celebrated the conclusion of the ministry year of God's goodness with our Appreciation Lunch (Indian Food) in June prepared by our Gr. 6 Leadership Class.

The summer proved to be one of "a few days in Vancouver" between events, after General Assembly in Ottawa, RCAC Summer Camp, Awana Scholarship Camp and then the Sweden Missions Trip. A few days later, we hosted RCAC's VBS (80 kids) with 25% being unchurched with our first ever Family Day on Sat. that was strongly attended. Building bridges into families and praying that the seeds of these relationships will build for the future. Finally, we moved into the school year that didn't start for all students by hosting 3 weeks of "Just in Case Camp."

Looking ahead, we're thankful that the new ministry year has begun for all 7 tracks within our area. We're thankful to be serving families within the church family and those who have yet to commit deeper. We're grateful that both Awana Teams are ready to receive new families and that the Homework Clubs in both schools are in place. Deaconesses are in place for Awana, Sunday School & Missions Hour and we're praying for the remaining areas. We are still in need of mentors/leadership for our 10 kids on the Worship Team & our Pre-School Worship Team. We're hoping to re-focus our attention upon the Gr. 5/6 special events and bridging them into Youth Ministry.

Through every wave of busyness, God's grace has washed over us. Without Him, we would not be able to stand. How we give thanks to Him for providing what we need before we even know how to ask for it.

"Grace like rain, falls down on me..." (Todd Agnew)



Department: English Ministry
Elder: Terence Lee

It has been a joy and a blessing to have served and witnessed the Lord work within our community during times of trials and praises this past year. I give thanks for Pastor Jason Cheung, for his leadership and care for this ministry. Together, we give thanks to God for His grace and blessing upon our church and ministry this past year.

The Lord has been especially gracious in bringing us Pastor Eugene So as our English Youth Pastor in November of 2013. We are thankful for our faithful youth sponsors, Sunday school teachers, servant and teaching teams for going above and beyond this past year. It was a year of transition with many challenges as we worked with a smaller team to serve our youth. We pray the Lord will grow our team so that we can better walk along side with parents and our youth.

The dream for English Youth Ministry is to continue our partnership with parents in nurturing our students into spiritual maturity rooted in the gospel. We want our teens to thrive while experiencing and participating in God's ever renewing and redeeming story of salvation. We also want our students to catch a vision of God's work beyond the walls of our church, knowing that they are invited to be part of something bigger and better than they could ever dream for themselves.

We gave thanks to God for Pastor Ward Gasque, who concluded his ministry at our church at the beginning of the year. Pastor Ward greatly blessed our church over the years. His legacy for Theological Education for the layperson continues to thrive. Adult Sunday school was refreshed with new series of classes ranging from financial stewardship, prayer life and evangelism.

One Church – we celebrated Christmas with an Extravaganza! Welcoming our entire church community, family and friends to celebrate Christmas together. Our summer camp at Trinity Western University was a wonderful time of rest and renewal as we reflected on our theme – “For such a time as this.” Our multilingual and multigenerational coffee and tea between our Sunday morning worship services continues to demonstrate just how diverse and connected our church is.

Our missional community seeks to better serve new comers through our new department – Connections and Caring. The desire of Connections and Caring is to connect with new comers and care for our church community. We are thankful that our English Missions department regained focus, with a returning deaconess, through supporting our congregation through various missions' trips during the past year. Teams and individuals travelled all over the world, including - Europe, North America and Africa.

As we enter into a New Year and season we pray that God's work is accomplished here on earth. We pray that God will grant us grace to humble ourselves and to confess our sins. We pray for compassion and zeal for the flourishing of RCAC and reaching the lost. We pray for a yearning to know God more, to see his face and to glimpse his glory.



Department: Evangelism

Elder: Erik Mak

Praise the Lord! As we look back at how God has guided the Evangelism Department during 2014, we offer our praise and thanks to Him. He has blessed us so richly, gave us more than we have thought of and asked for. He uses different means, various speakers and a diversity of themes to build up our spiritual lives, enabling us to spread the gospel and to carry out His Great Commission. Not only do we learn more truths in the Revival Meetings, we live out our faith as we serve in the Alpha Ministry and at Gospel Meetings. Through Praise Dance, with singspiration and physical exercise, we build up our bodies, minds and souls. God is so good to us. Let us hope that more brothers and sisters will come together to serve the Lord wholeheartedly. May God continue to bless our Church Family. May all praise and glory be to our Heavenly Father.

Ministries at a glance:

February 1 Chinese New Year Event

The Evangelism Department along with Elijah fellowship and Mandarin Fellowship (now Esther Fellowship) joined together to celebrate Chinese New Year with Hymns, games, Cantonese Opera songs, and Praise Dance. The outreach night brought happiness and warmth to the participants. Praise the Lord, there were 12 newcomers, giving us the opportunity to introduce our church activities and build up relationships for the gospel work.

February 8 (3rd session), May 3 (4th session) September 9th (5th session) Praise Dance

The third and fourth session has been completed. We thank God for the opportunity to serve the community, on average there are 20 participants, including some newcomers. Currently, the fifth session is being held on Friday mornings at 9:30am. At the first two sessions, there were 30 participants, may God help us further develop this ministry, through this more people can begin to know God, building up healthy bodies, minds, and souls.

March 28 & 29 Evangelistic and Revival Meetings

Rev. Thomas Chan conducted two Evangelistic and Revival Meetings on the above days with the theme of "Our mission in God's eyes" and "Loving your neighbor with God's heart", renewing our spiritual lives, helping us to be equipped and to be prepared to serve with God's Word as our strength. We thank God for sending His servant to minister to us. 143 and 152 brothers and sisters attended these meetings.

May 4 to June 16 12th Alpha Course

This year, we tried to use seven sessions for the course, the last two sessions were preached using video recordings on a trial basis by Pastor Simon Lee in Cantonese and Mandarin. This style may resonate with our guests more. Thank God that we had 44 participants, among whom there were 7 Mandarin speaking guests. Thank God that 18 participants made a decision to accept Christ. More than 80 brothers and sisters served and prayed for this ministry during the seven weeks. Some of the new believers have now joined Worship Services, Sunday School and Fellowship meetings. The Alpha Ministry is an important ministry of the Evangelism Department, we thank brothers and sisters for their faithfulness in the ministry. May God continue to guide the Alpha Ministry to go forward, expanding the Kingdom of God.



August 29-31 Evangelistic Meetings

Dr. Lui Evangelistic Meetings were held on the above days. Attendance for the various sessions were 145, 153 and 154 respectively. Praise God 5 people made a decision to accept Christ as their personal Savior, 6 indicated interest in seeking the gospel truth. Pray that they will continue to grow spiritually and be ready for baptism in the near future.

October 3-4 Evangelistic and Revival Meetings

Evangelistic and Revival Meetings were held on the above days with speaker Mr. Lee Kam Hung. Attendance for the various sessions were 336, 283 and 300 respectively. Praise God one made the decision to accept Christ as their personal Savior.

Thank God for His love and mercy that we were able to plan, organize and complete the above events during the year, so that the gospel can reach our friends and family. We lift up our praise to the Lord! The Evangelism Department needs more brothers and sisters to come together to pray and participate in our ministry. We sincerely invite you to serve God together with us.



Department: Fellowship
Elder: Denis Ng

Thanksgiving for the past

- Thanks God for joining our congregations to serve and host a Christmas carnival for our community in 2013.
- Thanks God for leading all the fellowship counselors in providing guidance, caring and support for our fellowships.
- Thanks God for protecting and guiding our youth in John fellowship.
- Thanks God for reviving our youth ministry, and providing lots of opportunities to our youth to learn and serve.
- Thanks God for providing strength, unity, and wisdom to the committee members of our fellowships.
- Thanks God for preparing a new group of servants to serve in all fellowships.
- Thanks God for helping the fellowships to connect through prayers and information, and with the church.
- Thanks God for providing lots of opportunities for our fellowships to have joint fellowship programs together.
- Thanks God for leading many newcomers to join and settle into our fellowships.

Praying forward to the future

- Pray God to lead the new fellowship department elder to connect with and to provide support to the fellowships.
- Pray God to continue reviving our youth ministry and to provide care and support for our young families.
- Pray God to continue providing strength, unity, and wisdom to His servants in all fellowships.
- Pray God to prepare and equip our members to become future fellowship counselors.
- Pray God that every member of our church has a stable fellowship life.
- Pray God that our fellowships are missional – able to outreach to our community more, and able to make newcomers feel welcomed.



Department: General Business
Elder: Bill Chan

Thank God for His mercies, allow me to learn and serve in His household. General Business Department covers numerous large and small jobs and tasks: general building maintenance and repair, parking lot traffic control and management, sound room, etc. The traffic control at the parking lot and sound room are organized by the deacons. Other general routine works, such as regular cleaning, vacuum, lightings, improvement of the sound system, kitchen ventilation and sewage system, elevator maintenance, air-conditioning system, fire and alarm system, etc., there are weekly check-ups and regular inspection and maintenance schedules. The department is also in charge of certain non-occasional events and provide logistic support, namely, baptismal service twice a year, special events, snow shuffle in the parking lot during winter season, as well as handling and following up on any unexpected issues, etc.

The General Business Department requires a lot of helpers; however to the contrary, there is always shortage of manpower, as a result, a lot of jobs and precaution maintenance works were delayed. We are inviting brothers and sisters to join our department. We have a lot of projects in the planning and welcome brothers and sisters to join us any time.

With the increase in the number of people coming to our church, the buildings, prolonged use of facilities and equipment, our workload has increased accordingly. In God's household, we in General Business Department welcome brothers and sisters participation any time. Other than jobs/tasks that require expertise, a lot of other things, such as organize desk and chairs, collection of garbage, keeping our premises, toilets clean and tidy, closing of doors and windows and turn off the lightings, etc., these are handy easy tasks and do not require heavy labour. Hope all brothers and sisters consider the church as their "home" when they come to church, be more attentive, more care and be involved in our work. Since we are taking care of a lot of works, there are always areas and concerns that we can overlook. If whenever brothers and sisters find any facilities or equipment needs improvement, please inform our deacons or co-workers.

Thank God for his guidance and keeping our 27 deacons and co-workers who enjoyed good health and served safely in the past year. Over the last half a year or so, although our workload has been heavy, it is full of happy moments, all brothers and sisters served in the ministry are joyful, we encourage each other and deeply experienced God's mercies and goodness upon us and our church.

"If I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth." 1 Tim 3:15. Brothers and sisters, please continue to pray for our department and our serving team in the coming year, may God protect and look after our church, and help us in any of our incapability in serving Him.



Department: Mandarin (Putonghua) Ministry

Elders: Denis Ng & Terence Fong

As we looked back about 2 years ago, we were investigating the possibility of developing Putonghua ministry. At the beginning, a few brothers and sisters got together and prayed for this ministry every week, gradually more people joined the prayer. We started our Putonghua Bible Study and Prayer Group to continue pray for this ministry, we also held bible study with new believers and the new comers who do not know God. During these 2 years, we noticed that God brought more Putonghua speaking Chinese coming to our worship services, Alpha course and our mission and evangelistic meetings, and a number of them heard the gospel, made decision for Christ and baptised, became witnesses of God.

We are so grateful that we have a good team of brothers and sisters to work for the Putonghua Bible Study and Prayer group every week, to organize the hymns, prepare bible study, personal testimony and sharings, caring for new comers. The group grows and becomes more mature; we have nearly an average of 25 or more people, we moved to a bigger Room 111 from Room 204. Starting fall last year, we were looking to develop this small group into a fellowship. At the same time, the board passed a resolution and established the Putonghua Ministry to work on the development of Putonghua ministry. Thank God for His leadership, we officially formed our Putonghua fellowship, Esther Fellowship in the beginning of this year. We elected 5 members and formed the committee. Their fellowship bible verse is Esther 4:14, "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

In the past, in addition to organizing small group activities, Putonghua Ministry also provides Putonghua interpretation for Sunday Cantonese service. For those people who need Putonghua translation can hear Putonghua through the head phones. Thank God provide brothers and sister to serve faithfully in this ministry. At the beginning of this year, we are reviewing our work and found that there were a lot of difficulties and challenges. It is very difficult for the interpreter to translate every sentence clearly and explicitly. It is also difficult for the users to wear headphones to listen for a long period of time. Although there was a lot of new Putonghua speaking people came to our service, they did not like this arrangement and leave. In April, we together with Esther Fellowship had an overall review on Putonghua Ministry and discuss the proposal of launching Putonghua service. They were very positive, enthusiastic and excited of the suggestion. In the Board Meeting, we put forward this proposal and asked all pastors and elders to pray for it. In June, we set up the service time and the intention of the launch date. Thanks God for His leadership that the Board supported and passed the resolution to start Putonghua service. The following month, we carried out a survey and collected the opinions of the congregation and look for brothers and sisters to help on the service. We received very positive response, and there were more than 30 brothers and sisters who were willing to participate and assist in the service. Eventually, we started Putonghua Service on September 14.



It has been about 2 months since the beginning of Putonghua Service, we have an average attendance of about 70 or above people; it is more than what we anticipated of about 50 people. God prepares for us abundantly. We have more than 20 people serving in the team which does not include our ushers; we thank our brothers and sisters for their support in this ministry. We believe that there are many areas for improvement and learning, we are confident that God will continue to lead us. Brothers and sisters, please continue to pray for us, may God bring more people to our Putonghua service, lead them to know Him, raise more brothers and sisters to serve in Putonghua ministry, teach us to serve in one heart. May our Lord be glorified!

As we looked back to the initial preparation of the Putonghua service, looking for visions, setting up the time and venue for the service, promotion, arrangement of speakers and serving team, calculation of number of attendance, etc. We see God is leading us in every step of our work and we deeply appreciate the strong support of our brothers and sisters. Through this ministry, we truly experienced the unity as a church: there are brothers and sisters from Saturday, Sunday and even English service joined our serving team, the English ministry help to take care of the children and prepare the refreshment, we see people from different congregations serve together, serve in one heart, this is such a beautiful picture. May God continue to use this little sprout, to become the blessing of the new immigrants in Richmond, to nourish them to reach a fruitful life



Department: Media and Communication
Elder: Victor Sei

Mandate:	To use multi-media to support the communications function of RCAC.
Short-term Goal:	To produce a tri-annual newsletter for RCAC.
Long-term Goal:	To produce materials that could support RCAC in Christian Education, Evangelism and Mission.
Team Members:	Rev. Dr. Simon Lee is the Chief Editor. Deacons: Brother James Chow and brother Jaco Cheung Co-Workers: Catherine Au, Nicky Chan, Florence Chiu, Fiona Hui-Chan, Lydia Mak, and Irene Chung. Pastor Bryan Chan also assists with the editing process.
Operation Budget	Publishing three issues of the newsletter costs around \$6,300.
What We Do:	<p>Unity" intends to be a bridge, connecting members of our whole church. We welcome members to share their thoughts and lives through the use of words for mutual edification.</p> <p>The Unity editorial team is responsible for editing, proofreading, and translating articles as they come in. Our production team is responsible for cover design, publishing layout, and photo editing. We meet occasionally before and after an issue get published to plan and to review.</p> <p><u>Here are the themes of the 3 issues published in 2014:</u> Issue #4. March - New Year New Beginnings 一年之計在於春 Issue #5. June - Celebrating Mission 慶祝宣教 Issue #6. October - My Church My Family 教會是我家</p> <p>Richmond Chinese Alliance Church Facebook Page was created on April 2, 2014. The page was set up to establish a presence on the world's largest social network and to supplement the rcac.ca website. http://www.facebook.com/richmondchinesealliancechurch</p> <p>Posts are reaching several hundred users. Here are the top 5 posts in terms of reach since the launch in April:</p> <p>778 users reached for photo of new sign 434 users reached for Alpha Course 2014 374 users reached for upcoming August event 306 users reached for summer camp 295 users reached for VBS camp</p>



Department: Missions
Elder: Jimmie Ling

Co-workers:

We have five well-experienced co-workers this year; each one takes care of different area and part of the mission. In June 19th, we lost our sister and faithful co-worker May Leung.

Summary of the ministry:

Missionaries:

We do our best to support missionaries designated by C&MA, at the same time, we give full support, in form of close contact, financially and prayer, to the missionaries sent by RCAC.

Missionaries sent by RCAC: Winnie Ting, Grey Young, Donald Chan, Jocelyn Yee and Henry Cheung

Short Term Mission:

A. Hazelton

Objective: Aboriginal people in the North West part of BC Province

Activities: Visits, Bible Study, Worship and Leisure Activities

B. BCIM

Objective: Chinese people along Highway 3

Activities: a) 2nd Saturday of every month- bible study with the Chinese Ministry of Trail Alliance Church (TAC).

b) Last week-end of every month- visit Chinese shops and restaurants along Highway 3; and together with the Elders of Trail Alliance Church, we visited the Chinese families there, assisting to lead fellowship, Sunday School and worship.

C. Wuhan, China

Objective: Parents of ESL students

Activities: Organize marriage, family, youth counselling workshops and conferences

Kaifeng, China

Objective: "Lovetown", "Red Ribbon Organization", etc.

Activities: Visit, professional services and workshops

D. Stockholm, Sweden

Objective: New immigrants to Sweden – especially youth and children

Activities: Apply the training model of Paul and Timothy to train the brothers and sisters there – how to prepare and lead VBS (Vacation Bible Study).



E. Alliance Women's Ministry

Objective: missionaries designated by C&MA & missionaries designated by RCAC
Activities: contact missionaries, pray for them and encourage members of RCAC to learn & participate short-term mission or long-term mission.

F. We encourage our members to participate in different short-term missions, to experience different cultures, spread the gospel, to carry out Jesus's command – The Great Commission. If brothers or sisters require financial support, our church can arrange limited financial assistance.

Mission Education:

- June 6-8 is our Annual Mission Rally, it is our honour to have Rev. Jonathan Kaan to lead us. He shared his personal experience in the mission field, to witness God's goodness and His teaching about mission in the bible.
- 3rd season Sunday School course "From the point of view of missionaries to see the development of church in China"
- On Nov 28th-30th, we will have Rev. Nick Tsang from Panama to preach in our Chinese worship services, and hold a workshop on Saturday, topic: "How to Prepare Short Term Mission".

Mission Budget:

2014 mission budget is \$160,000.

Project	Amount	Percentage
Local ministry	\$ 15,000	9.38%
Local support /institution (includes GAF)	\$ 93,750	58.59%
Support to missionaries/individual short term mission	\$ 25,750	16.09%
Support to missionaries sent by RCAC	\$ 25,500	15.95%
TOTAL	\$160,000	100.00%

2015 Mission Pledge to be launched by the end of November

Thank God for His mercies, protection and leadership, brothers and sisters serve in one heart, spread the gospel to the men who do not know Him, pray that God will help us, teach us to listen, obey and serve with humble heart. Hear and follow God's calling, expand His Kingdom and may God's name be glorified.



Department: **Worship – Saturday**
Elder: **Sunny Chan**

Thanksgiving:

- 1) This year marks the 22nd year since we had our first Saturday. Thanks Gods that we have close to 200 congregations worshipping on every Saturday morning. Thanks God for having faithful brothers and sisters who help at Saturday Worship during the past year. Thanks God that we have new brother and sisters joining the bible reading team, usher team, sound room team and the choir and music team.
- 2) Thanks God that we could have kids worshipping with us during Easter and Christmas time. May God be pleased. We hope that we can have more family worships in the coming year to praise the highest God!
- 3) Thanks God that we have more than 15 kids on the nursery/Sunday school program on Saturday morning. We expect there will more coming next year!
- 4) Thanks God for gathering brothers and sisters from the English, Cantonese and Mandarin speaking congregations to remember Jesus' suffering for us at the Good Friday Worship Service in April. This was the first time we conducted the service in English, Cantonese and Mandarin. We ended up opening both the Room 200 and Room 103 for accommodating all the attendants.
- 5) Thanks God that we had new dual-translation Chinese bible in the Sanctuary to help congregation to follow the bible verses in different translations during Chinese worship.
- 6) Thanks God that the re-designed Chinese worship bulletin can serve Saturday, Mandarin and Noon Worship congregations with a united version. We hope that the new bulletin not only serves as a program guide during worship but a bulletin that brother and sister can learn more sharing from the pastoral team, get updated church and mission related news and take home to pray for the church ministries, and brothers and sisters.

Prayer Requests:

- 1) Pray that the Saturday congregation can continue to encounter God and get renewed during worship service.
- 2) Pray that the helpers and pastoral staff at Saturday worship will continue to serve with humble hearts and wisdom from God.
- 3) Pray that God will prepare more helpers in helping the Saturday worship especially on taking care of and teaching the kids during worship.



Department: **Worship – Sunday noon**
Elders: **Gary Wong & Kelvin Chan**

We are thankful to have the Choir team serving faithfully week in week out. They practice every Monday and Wednesday night, and meet monthly to select the Hymns that best match the preaching theme. With God's grace, they do Hymns offering every Sunday service to praise and glorify our Lord.

We also thankful that God has supplied us a humble and faithful usher team to prepare and serve the Sunday Noon service. Here are some of the things we have been doing and continue to improve:

- Clean and tidy up the stage and sanctuary after the worship ends;
- Coordinate and collaborate with the sound room staff for continuous improvement in sound quality;
- Coordinate with the General Business Department to improve the lighting on the Sanctuary stage;
- Prepare monthly communion supplies for all four services;
- Introduced floral offering as another way to give thanks to God for special occasion or spiritual experience;
- Repair or replace a number of "Hymns of Life" and ensure there are enough copies for the congregation to use during the Sunday service.

Please continue to pray for us, as we worship the Lord together at the RCAC Family. May all glory be to our Lord.