

## CGBC Members' Meeting - EB Updates and Announcements

The Executive Board made several important updates and decisions since our last town hall on April 17. Many of these announcements were made in each congregation on previous Sundays and each MT was notified, the Board would like to communicate directly with the congregation on announcements detailed in this document.

Here are the six items covered in this document:

- Welcome Pastor Andy Ching
- Cantonese Pastoral Search Update
- Pastor Daniel Ye's Ordination
- Renovation and Relocation Committees
- Eldership
- Guest House Update

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### a) Welcome Pastor Andy Ching

Pastor Andy Ching joined us starting June 1. We are very glad to have him onboard and start building relationships with brothers and sisters in the Cantonese congregation, pastors, and the executive board members. Pastor Andy Ching joined the EB meeting on June 5 and we are really pleased to have him.

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### b) Cantonese Pastoral Search Update

We are thankful for God's grace and his providence. We have been blessed with five inquiries since March. Two of the inquiries are from just last month. We are actively engaging with one applicant. Please pray for the committee as we search for a pastor to shepherd and lead the Cantonese congregation, overall fit with CGBC in doctrine and philosophy of ministry, and most importantly pray according to God's will.

As we continue to search, we renewed the advertisement on Chinese Christian Herald (號角). We also posed online on two other Chinese Christian websites: Chinese Christian Mission (中信) and the Ambassadors Magazine (使者雜誌). We have also posted on many seminaries. Please continue to pray for the search process and the committee. We need God's wisdom. We want to seek God's will. Pray for our patience. Pray according to his purpose.

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c) Pastor Daniel Ye's Ordination

We have been blessed to have Pastor Daniel Ye serving our Mandarin congregation over the past year and a half. During the Annual Business Meeting, the congregation approved the ordination process for Pastor Daniel and Lord-willing, we hope to move forward with his formal ordination. Because we recognize the autonomy of the local church as well as the importance and blessing of the universal church, the ordination council that will examine him will be composed of five pastors from within CGBC and outside of CGBC:

- Pastor Tranwei Yu (CGBC)
- Pastor Glenn Pon (CGBC)
- Pastor Henry Kwan (mentor of Pastor Daniel)
- Pastor James Hwang (mentor of Pastor Daniel)
- Pastor Jonathan Szeto (Laguna Chinese Baptist Church, selected by CGBC pastors)

The council is currently reviewing Pastor Daniel's written examination, a character reference from a Mandarin leader, and a character reference from a CGBC pastor. The council will meet and have an official interview with Pastor Daniel on August 5 and upon the approval of the council, the ordination ceremony will be held on Aug 22.

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d) Renovation and Relocation Committees

We thank God for the current Pocket location since 1974. We also thank Him for allowing CG to serve, grow, and testify to His faithfulness and wonderful work in this location. CG is at a point where the current building is in need of major renovations so it is safe for everyone, especially the elderly and the children. Additionally, the current capacity of our campus has been reached at times. The Board is in the process of commissioning two committees (the renovation committee and the relocation committee) to assess options of renovation and relocation. The Board will work closely with both committees in near future.

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e) Eldership

The Board began the discussion of eldership at EB monthly meetings in April. We started with guided discussions about the Bible's teaching on eldership. The Board finished the discussion on Biblical teachings and will prayerfully start the discussion on implementing eldership in CG.

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f) Guest House Update

The guest house renovations are scheduled to be completed by the end of July.

Brief summary of the project:

1. All new flooring and baseboards.
2. New ceiling lights throughout.
3. New interior paint throughout including removal of popcorn ceiling.
4. New toilets, vanities, master bathtub and other bathroom fixtures.
5. New kitchen cabinets, countertop, sink, disposal and fixtures.
6. Other miscellaneous items.

Estimated expenses: \$34K