

## WELCOME

TO OUR ENGLISH SERVICE December 19, 2021

# CHURCH THEME: BEING THE CHURCH, AGAINST ALL ODDS

#### **VERSE FOR THE WEEK** - John 1: 14

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

#### **ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE**

Call to Worship Praise and Worship Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

"Where Is He Who Is Born King Of The Jews?"

Song of Response
Tithes and Offering
EM Outreach with TAC
Church Announcements
Doxology
Benediction

### A FEW THINGS TO KNOW

#### WELCOME TO OUR ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE

We welcome and thank you for joining our Online Sunday Service. Please do check our church website and congregational email for church events and updates.

#### **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

NCAC Pastoral team, Elders, ministry teams and their families wish you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas. May the Lord bless you and your family with His peace, love, joy and hope in Christ.

#### NEXT IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICE- DEC. 26 @ 9.30 AM

To join our next In-Person Sunday service, please book through the link provided. Registration will close on December 25 at 6pm.

https://english-worship-at-ncac-registration.eventbrite.ca/

All our In-Person Sunday Services will be live-streamed for those who are unable to join in person.

#### ON VACATION

Rev Vinson will be on vacation leave from December 21 to December 31, 2021. Please contact EMT for ministry matters.

## Today's Service

Michael Huynh | Service leader Jasmine Vinson (L), Catherine Tsang, Leah Chan & Rahel Vinson | Worship Matt Leung, Sam Leung & Gabriel Huynh | Tech Rahel Vinson | Video Editor Rev Dr Vinson Samuel | Speaker

#### MISSION FUND 2021 LATEST UPDATE

Praise the Lord! As of last Sunday, we have raised \$99,753 in NCAC Mission Fund, achieving 78% of our annual fundraising target \$127,400.

Please continue to pray for the needs of the C&MA Global Advance Fund, the Mission field workers and their ministries. Pray for God's providence to cover the shortfalls of \$27,647 from the the Mission Fund year-end target.

#### **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

- 2022 CHURCH BUDGET: All Departmental Heads are requested to submit their department budget for the Year 2022 to Ricky Leung before 19th of December.
- EMAIL AND MAILING ADDRESS: As we move towards more online accessibility, the Finance Department will continue to introduce an option for online tax receipts this year. To ensure that the receipts will be sent out to the correct addresses, please provide Ricky Leung of the Finance Department (rickycwl@yahoo.ca) with your updated email and mailing addresses before the end of December.
- **EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT**: If the brothers and sisters have purchased something for church and have not made reimbursement yet, please claim it as soon as possible. The deadline is January 9, 2022.
- TAX REFUND RECEIPTS: If the brothers and sisters want your contribution to be included in your 2021 tax refund receipt, please deliver your contribution to the church before the end of the year. All donations received after December 31st will be included in the 2022 tax refund receipt.

#### **EM OUTREACH - COLLECTION FOR QUEEN AND BATHURST**

In this Christmas season, EMT would like to collect winter clothing, toys and non-perishable food as well as monetary support for the Queen and Bathurst community through Toronto Alliance Church. Share with your non-Christian friends so that they can be part of this event too.

#### Criteria of the items:

- 1. Toys and clothing must be new or in good condition.
- 2. These are the preferred non-perishable food items: Tuna, instant noodles, canned ravioli, beans in tomato sauce or syrup, mixed vegetables, corn, chicken noodle soup, chunky stews, fruit cups, juice boxes, and chocolate and vanilla puddina.
- 3. Monetary support given will be used for food and supplies purchase for TAC.

You can drop off Winter Clothes and Non-perishable items at Church every Sunday till December 26 from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. Contact EMT: Charlotte Pang Enoch Chan , Michael Huynh and David Tong to arrange drop off.

#### NCAC IN-PERSON SERVICES

Ontario is currently in Stage 3 of reopening the economy due to 4th wave of pandemics. Measures under Stage 3 do not limit the number of people attending religious gatherings indoors, but to maintain a 2 meters (6 feet) social distance, and participants must wear facial masks.

With social distancing, the capacity of in-person worship, in addition to the serving teams on duty, there will be 26 to 50 seats (single seating plus groups of the same family)

Due to limited seating, in advance, online registration and online COVID self-screening are needed for those who like to attend in-person Sunday worship. Those who register for in-person Sunday worship can also attend the in-person Sunday school on the same Sunday.

#### **Upcoming In-Person Services:**

English – December 26, 2021, January 9 and 23, 2022 Cantonese – December 19, 2021, January 2, 16 & 30, 2022

As children do not have vaccines available to them for protection, there is no children or nursery program offered at this time. Masks must be worn when inside the church building.

If you are unable to attend in-person, do participate in our online worship and online Sunday school.

Please continue to pray for protection for all of us and for the In-person Services.

#### **COVID UPDATES**

As the pandemic is not over, let's continue to adhere to the provincial safety measures to minimize transmission of the virus and prevent surge in cases. Kindly visit COVID -19 websites for important information and updates:

- Covid -19 Information and Resources:

#### https://covid-19.ontario.ca/

- A plan to safely reopen Ontario:

https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario

- COVID-19 public health measures and advice <a href="https://covid-19.ontario.ca/public-health-measures">https://covid-19.ontario.ca/public-health-measures</a>

Our C&MA District urges local churches to trust God's timing in all of this and to honour our government and health officials for their hard work. All the ministries of NCAC will continue to be online till further notice.

#### Online Attendance and Offering – Last Sunday

56 (34 Onsite, 17 Online, 5 recording) | English Service
342 (105 Online, 237 recording) | Cantonese
4 Teens, 2 Adults | FOG Fellowship
15 kids & 8 leaders | Children Worship)

Chinese and English Service Giving (Dec 6-12) \$11,200.00 | Total Offerings General Fund \$ 6,525.00; Missions \$3,425.00; Thanksgiving \$100.00; Love Fund \$400.00; Building Repair Repair \$350.00: Others: \$400.00

## People to Connect with SMALL GROUP (SG) LEADERS

Enoch Chan, Downtown Christine Wong & Leah Chan, Downtown Keith Lau & Catherine Tsang, Uptown Michael and Anki Huynh, Northeast James Lam, 1 Corinthians 13

### **English Ministry Team**

Charlotte Pang, David Tong, Enoch Chan Michael Huynh, Elder Rev Dr Vinson Samuel, English Pastor

#### **CHURCH MINISTRY STAFF**

Rev Simon Sit, Senior Pastor Rev Dr Vinson Samuel, English Pastor Mr Jon Moe, Children and Youth Ministry Director

#### TO CONTACT US

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