

# WELCOME

TO ENGLISH SERVICE September 12, 2021

# CHURCH THEME: BEING THE CHURCH, AGAINST ALL ODDS

**VERSE FOR THE WEEK** - Lamentations 3:22-24 "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

# **ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE**

Call to Worship
Praise and Thanksgiving
Scripture Reading

Ezra 3:1-8
Sermon

"New Beginnings"

Song of Response
Tithes and Offering
Church Announcements
Doxology
Benediction

# A FEW THINGS TO KNOW

#### WELCOME TO OUR 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.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL AFTER SERVICE AT 11AM

Today, we will begin a new series on "The Lord's Prayer." Rev Vinson will lead the study.

## IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICE - 19th SEPTEMBER @ 9.30AM

To join our next In-person Sunday service, please book through the link provided:

Booking for in-person Sunday service: <a href="https://bit.ly/38UDUsD">https://bit.ly/38UDUsD</a>

(Bookings open from Monday 9 am to Saturday 6pm)

If you are unable to join us, you can continue to participate through online Service and Sunday school.

# Today's Service

David Tong | Service leader Leah Chan (L), Enoch Chan & Catherine Tsang | Worship Team Jon Moe | Tech Rev Dr Vinson Samuel | Speaker

#### SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 26 SEPTEMBER 2021 @3PM

All NCAC Members are invited to join our Membership Meeting to adopt previous Membership minutes and elect Elders for the year 2022 and 2023.

Notice of the meeting and Zoom details will be sent by Michael Huynh, Secretary, Board of Elders.

#### NCAC ELDERS NOMINATION UPDATE

Since April, the nomination committee has identified and given 22 invitations to prospective candidates, including 7 sisters and 15 brothers or 10 from English congregation and 12 from Chinese congregation. As of today only 2 sisters (Elaine Kong and Louisa Lau) 1 brother (Michael Huynh) are willing to be nominated. Members are welcome to follow NCAC By-laws 9.03, along with a seconder, submit additional nominations to Pastor Sit by the morning of 9/19. For prospects the nomination committee has contacted, please contact Pastor Sit. Please continue to pray for the nomination process

## EM CORPORATE PRAYER – SEPTEMBER 15th @ 8PM

Let's come together to thank God for His abiding presence and to intercede for our nation, church, and specially for our In-Person services and ongoing ministry. Please join us through Zoom:

#### **COUNSELLING INTERN**

James Lam is joining NCAC as a volunteer intern commencing Sept 2021 until March 2022 as part of the completion of his M.Div. degree (majoring in pastoral counselling) with Tyndale Seminary. If you would like to seek counselling and guidance, please contact Rev. Vinson or contact James at jlam32574@gmail.com. All counselling sessions with James Lam will be held in confidential, and free of charge"

#### NCAC RE-OPENING IN SEPTEMBER

Ontario is currently staying 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.

We believe that most of our congregants are fully vaccinated with two doses. After much discussion with various departments, Elders Board prayerfully decided to proceed with reopening for in-person Sunday worship and Sunday school in September while continue to maintain online worship and online Sunday school. 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)

In-Person Services for October and November: English - October - 2, 16 & 30 / November 13 & 27 Cantonese - October 9 & 23 / November 6 & 20

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. If you are unable to register, you can continue to participate in online worship and online Sunday school.

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.

Please continue to pray for protection for all of us, for a successful reopening and for all those who help to make it happen, while giving God praise for His provision!

#### **COVID UPDATES**

Ontario is now in Step 3 (wef July 16), based on the province wide vaccination rate and continuing improvements in key public health and health system. 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-19covid 19 (coronavirus) in Ontario: https://covid-19.ontario.ca/
- Reopening Ontario Guidelines (STEP 3): https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario
- COVID-19 public health measures and advice https://covid-19.ontario.ca/public-health-measures

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. Thank you for your prayers and support.

# Online Attendance and Offering – Last Sunday

64 (31 On-side, 6 Online, 27 recording) | English Service
475 (97 realtime, 378 recording) | Cantonese Service
4 Teens, 2 Adults | FOG Fellowship

(Aug 30 -Sept 5, Chinese and English Service) \$18,030.00 | Total Offerings General Fund \$13,660.00; Missions \$2,520.00; Building Repair Repair: \$1,850.00:

# 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

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