

Senior Pastor's Sharing - March 28, 2020

Greetings to all VCAC members. Our goal is to move all our gatherings to online meetings. So far the Mandarin congregation is 100% fully online, Cantonese about 90%, and English about 85%. This includes worship, Sunday school classes (now only led by pastors), fellowships, and prayer meetings. Starting tomorrow we will have children's live worship at 9:30am. English worship will also go online starting tomorrow.

All Cantonese fellowships now meet online with the exception of Sister and Brothers Fellowships. We have yet to set an online English prayer meeting to complete the conversion for the English congregation.

Now with most of the online gatherings set-up, we have started to work on connecting with the seniors, mostly from the Cantonese congregation, who do not have the skill to join online gatherings. We have compiled the phone number and WhatsApp of about 120 seniors from Cantonese congregation that we will start connecting with. The goal to call up these members regularly to see their needs until church gatherings resume.

Tammy is on temporary EI leave, Edmund works part-time, and Gordon is busy painting and cleaning up the whole church. Pastor Ram now oversees the church administration work and is busy with video recording and uploading. We faced a lot of technical challenges in the early stages and are still learning how to best use the available technology. Pastoral staff are busy preparing and leading all the online gatherings, preparing Sunday School and worship, and calling up members. I found myself even busier than before!

Please continue to pray for the world and the ongoing situation. Pray for the frontline health workers, especially the ones from our church. Pray that VCAC will become stronger through this crisis. Pray for our personal and church revival. God's healing will come when we as his people repent.

14 If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

- 2 Chronicles 7:14

I encourage all of you to listen to the daily updates from BC Health Agency rather than spending time on circulating unauthenticated internet news. It is easy to press the forward button and send unconfirmed messages to friends, which tends to cause unnecessary confusion and stress. And we already have enough of that. Instead, spend more time on reading the Scripture and praying instead.

Please encourage your family members and friends to follow Health Agency's preventive measures to keep the spread of the virus in BC. We need to support our Health Agency and government as they beg for our 100% support every day. Quoting our BC Health Minister Adrin Dix :

“We have to be 100 per cent all in, in the work we do together,” Dix said. “We have shown, I think, and are showing an ability to bend the curve, but that ability depends on all of us, every day, recommitting to the work we do.”

“Are you thinking of going out and doing something other than essential work, or errands or exercise? Don’t. Stay home, stop the spread, bend the curve.”

Please go to the church website, Facebook and Youtube Channel for the full meeting schedule and recorded sermons.

I miss you all

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