



# 列治文華人宣道會

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### Special Notice from the Senior Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters of RCAC,

Summer has gone and autumn has come, as September is around the corner. September this year will be so different from the past, as children, teachers and parents return to school with great hesitations and reservation. As the pandemic is still rampant, there are so many unknowns in the community, and teachers, parents and students all have different opinions about how to return to school. We pray for God's mercies on us, may we be kind, be calm and stay safe. We pray that the vaccine will be available soon so that we can start to relax and return to a more normal life. In addition to returning to school, some brothers and sisters are still being bothered by the inconveniences because of the pandemic and are affected psychologically. May God help us to stay alert, and draw close to Christ for He is our Savior, our Sanctifier, our Healer and our Coming King. Starting from September, we will launch a series of new initiatives:

1. Cantonese Worship on Saturdays and Sundays  
Starting from September, the Worship Department will be responsible to organize all the Cantonese Worship Services through the Zoom platform at 11:00am on Saturdays and Sundays. We encourage brothers and sisters to get together to worship at a time convenient for you. The login ID and password will be distributed to different people and groups on Fridays, or you can contact the church office for the information. All the services will still be available on our websites and YouTube after released (Cantonese service after 11 am Saturday).
2. 2021-2023 Elders Nomination  
Three elders will finish their term this year: Gary Wong, Victor Sei and Ivan Mo. Praise the Lord! We have four brothers who accepted the nominations: Terence Lee, Peter Wong, Phil Lam and Carlo Hui. The personal details of the four candidates will be posted on the church bulletin board outside the foyer on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. As in the past, nomination from the congregations is welcome. We thank the nominating committee for their hard work.
3. Annual Membership Meeting – October 18, 2020 postponed  
Due to the pandemic and the difficulties of using the internet for many, after consulting our C&MA District Office about the holding of our Annual General Membership Meeting (AGM), we have been advised to postpone it to no later than March 2021. From now till then, the current elders and the nominated candidates will prepare and serve together for a smooth transition. For the same reason, all the agenda items (Audited Financial Report, Women as Elders, Bylaw revisions, etc. ) that need to be passed at the AGM will be postponed to the new date when all the members will be able to fulfill their membership duties.
4. Thanksgiving Baptism – October 11, 2020  
The Easter baptism which was scheduled for April 12, 2020 was cancelled due to the pandemic. We are planning for the Thanksgiving Baptism on October 11, 2020. The baptismal service will be done by sprinkling and held in our Sanctuary. It will be divided into 2-3 sessions, following the BC Government's guidelines as well as our own RTC guidelines. Details will be announced in the future. Please pray for us.
5. Senior Pastor will launch a series of pastoral initiatives, including:
  - “Going deeper with Senior Pastor”: A discussion forum in Cantonese will be hosted by Pastor Simon after the Sunday Worships using the Zoom platform. Details to be followed.
  - “Understand Mental Health in COVID”: Starting in mid-October Pastor Simon will lead in a series of seminar (Cantonese) by Zoom on mental and spiritual health under the new normal due to the pandemic, and the topics will include: Depression; Anxiety (including OCD); Broken Heart Syndrome and PTSD.

The same Lord Jesus Christ who calmed the storm in the past can overcome the Pandemic today as well.

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Simon Lee