



Elders Update

#3: August 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters of ABMC,

God has been gracious and generous with ABMC. He blesses our new church with abundance. The over 100 attendance at our first Summer Conference was a great encouragement to our co-workers. His presence was strongly felt worship and preaching and fun activities. It is quite evident that the Lord wants us to move forward boldly. First, we have to get organized.

1. The following co-workers are willing to take up the church-wide positions for a term of 3 years responsible to the Elders Board:

a. Deacon Board Chair and Chair of the Mandarin Ministerial Committee:

Rev. Wong Dong

b. Chair of the Cantonese Ministerial Committee: **Deacon Johnny Chan**

c. Director of Small Group Ministry: **Micky Chan**

d. Director of Christian Education: **Freda Cheung**

e. Director of Music Ministry: **Kay Chan** (Johannes Kong pianist trainer.

Tina Chen will assist Kay in coordinating the Mandarin side.)

f. Director of Office Technology Ministry: **Horace Kwok**

g. Director of Audio and Video Ministry: **Sam Kong**

2. We are happy to announce that Baptism will be held on November 23, Thanksgiving Sunday. Baptism application form is available from the ushers during Sunday worship. Please hand in the filled out form to the ushers on Sunday September 21. A mandatory baptism class will be held at the Agape Center on Saturday September 27, 9 AM to noon. Individual appointments will be set up for the candidates to meet with the Elders Board. Let us celebrate this sacred sacrament with prayers and joy.

3. Regarding the pulpit: Rev. Wang and Rev. Li will each preach twice a month (average) in the Mandarin worship; in the Cantonese worship

each month, Winston will preach two weeks, Johnny Chan and invited guest speakers will preach the other weeks.

4. The church has set up a WangdongForum in our website:

www.abmcla.org for all of you and your friends to ask questions and to share with us the background of your questions. When we have enough Q&A, we can publish a book for all seekers and new believers in China and everywhere. It is part of ABMC's special calling and vision to serve locally and globally.

5. If you are interested to share your testimonies and anything interesting in your walk of faith, please send them to editor@abmcla.org. We can set up a new forum: UnderTheTree. It is an Africian tradition that a community meet, talk, share, laugh and dance together under the tree.

6. Micky Chan will give 4 Mandarin Small Group Leaders and Coach Training sessions in September during Sunday school. By October, our leaders are trained and can start the official regional small group meetings.

- a. PCC small group leader: Keng Zhang. Meet at Keng's home
- b. ELAC small group leader: Dorothy and Orchid, with Joseph, Fei-Fei, Amy in small group leadership training. Meet at Ko's home.
- c. SMC small group leader: Tina Chen, with JiaXing in training. SMC will meet at one of the SMC member's apartment.
- d. The small groups will joint together and have fellowship meeting once or twice a month for special topic or event.

7. For Mandarin Adult Small Group, Chen Ping coordinator, Mrs. Esther Wang leader, 9/19 meet at the Chen Ping's residence.

8. Sunday School Schedule for the Fall quarter:

Mandarin Small Group Leader Training September (Micky Chan)

Mandarin Combined Class September (Sunday preachers)

成長班(國) start October (Rev. Wang and Li; Rev. Wang)

初信班(國) start October (Teacher: Orchid Dong)

慕道班(國) start October (Teacher: Keng Zhang & Dorothy Ko)

初信班(粵) start September (陳雷美琪姊妹)

讀信經, 學神學(粵) start September (陳一鳴弟兄)

**Blessings,
ABMC Elders Board**