



Elders Update

#6: January 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters of ABMC,

Recap of 2009:

1. The Elders want to encourage ABMC to be a church of prayers. The Wednesday night prayer meeting was under review and the following reforms were implemented to emphasize the substance and not the form of prayers:
 - a. The church prepares a daily devotion and church prayer items for members to pray for the church every day.
 - b. The Elders encourage b/s to develop the habit of calling others to care for them and pray with them, including praying for the church.
 - c. The small groups are an integral part of the church. Set aside prayer time during small group to pray for the church and to pray for each other.
 - d. A special time for prayer with components of praise and thanksgiving, repentance and supplications is added to the worship. An increased number of versions will be prepared and used for the upcoming worships to provide different focus.
 - e. The Wednesday night prayer meeting is cancelled for wider participation by the corporate prayer times described above. Elder Johnny Chan will conduct prayer and bible study training on Wednesday night for those who can come.

The Elders encourage all brothers and sisters to participate in praying for the church.

2. ABMC moved to the present location Church of Our Saviour on October 4, 2009, with Sunday worships at Grace Chapel and Sunday School classes at south section of Cleaver Hall, and room 201. Room 201 is also available during the week plus the use of Room 202 for Saturday evenings, and Grace Chapel on Wednesday evenings. ABMC administration office is also located at the COS office. We wish to thank the pastors and staff at COS for their gracious cooperation.
3. We praise the Lord that 6 b/s were baptized during Easter. 7 b/s were baptized this past Christmas in our own baptistry outside the Grace Chapel.
4. The average weekly attendance for 2009 is about the same for Mandarin and Cantonese worship, about 35 each. The joint meeting on 5/10/09 was 82, 10/4/09 was 95 including COS guests, 12/20/09 Christmas worship is 70.
5. The summer conference total attendance is 98. With registration fee income of \$7,780.00, Expense of \$14,208.50 (excluding speakers expense). Received special summer conference offering of \$2,063.91. Required \$4,364.59 from general fund, total amount of subsidy for Summer Conference is \$6,428.50.
6. Sundi Sunarjo is the Assistant to Administrator since May 15, 2009. Due to the need in Children ministry, Sundi has been assigned to help take care of Children Ministry for 2 months while Johnny is setting up his team in corporation with COS. She is responsible to make sure the children will be in the classroom and participate in activities/teaching during ABMC worships.
7. Many new friends come to the special Thanksgiving Dinner of the church. We thank all the small group for bringing new friends. We thank Leo and Sundi for a job well done.
8. We co-sponsored the Christmas dinner at Father Michael's residence on campus. We thank his wife Rachal who prepared all the wonderful American style food. Many of our b/s and new friends experienced the first American Christmas celebration. After dinner we all joined the Christmas Eucharist of COS and enjoyed the rich worship experience of the Episcopal Church.

Wonders of 2010

9. May the Lord entrust us with many new comers.
10. ABMC is a Small Group Church, i.e we encourage the formation of small groups where the Small Group Leaders will shepherd for no more than 10 people. It focuses on inviting friends to come and experience the love of God through His people. It grew by birthing into new groups.
11. Small Group Ministry: Winston is now the Small Group Ministry Director. He will lead the new SGM Committee to plan and lead the overall church small group spiritual formation and outreach. ABMC emphasizes people ministry.
12. Church wide Mentoring program organize by the SG Ministry: a personal time of one hour per week in person or by phone between the Mentor (spiritual director) and Mentee to help the Mentee's spiritual growth and daily issues. A Mentee can be a Mentor of a younger Christian.
13. Small group leaders will be trained and reminded to keep track of what is going on with each member's life, and if there are issues they don't know how to deal with (e.g. moving in with boyfriend, financial problem, losing faith, and health problem), they should feel free to consult their coaches, mentors or Elders. Elders and "older" Christians are available to be mentors.
14. We trust God wants ABMC to expand our ministries in adult and family small group ministries in 2010.
15. We need to encourage our members to live a committed life for Christ, including in their tithes. For 2010, we will pass out boxes of offering envelopes for those who make cash donations so that they will prepare their heart to worship God through putting the offering into the offering bag in a prepared manner.
16. Financial Report: see attached. 2009 has a net operating deficit of \$6,612.98 which was covered by cash surplus carried forward from 2008. We trust the Lord will provide our needs.
17. To those who served at ABMC, the church wants to express our deepest appreciation. May God remember your labor of love. Please pray for all the leaders in 2010 listed below.

2010 Leadership List:

Board of Elders: Winston Ko (Chair), Rev. Dong Wang, Rev. Daniel Li, Johnny Chan.

Administrator: Dorothy Ko **Ass. to the Administrator:** Sundi Sunarjo

1. **Small Group Ministry:** Director: Winston Ko.
Committee members: Keng Zhang, Albert Wang, Ka-Fan Lai, Bonnie Chan
Coaches: Keng Zhang, Dorothy Ko, Orchid Dong, Johnny Chan, Horace Kwok, Jocelina Sunarjo, Sundi Sunarjo,
Small Group Leaders: Aradia Fu, Yi-Fei Yin, Annie Luo, Fei-Fei Long, Ping Chen, Micky Chan, Ka-Fan Lai, Albert Wang, Gary Chen, Jessica Wong, Moon Tang, Peron Tong, Leo Yuen.
Assistant Leaders: Rick Li, Alice Ma, Oliver Zhou, Jiaying Yang.
2. **Christian Education Ministry:** Director: Vacant.
Members (Sunday School Teachers): Rev. Wang, Rev. Li, Freda Cheung, Esther Wang, Orchid Dong, Johnny Chan, Micky Chan, Keng Zhang, Aradia Fu
3. **Children Ministry:** Director: Mimi Tou, Johnny Chan.
Members: Moon Tang, Amy Zhang, Leo Lai.
4. **Music Ministry:** Director (Acting): Sundi Sunarjo.
Worship team: Horace Kwok, Alice Ma, Annie Luo, Christina Y, Karen Kwok, Freda Cheung, Albert Wang
5. **Mandarin Ministerial Committee:** Chairman: Rev. Wang.
Members: Keng Zhang, Orchid Dong, Ping Chen. Ushers: Alan Wong (Head Usher), Ping Chen, Ling Lam, Amy Zhang, Jane Lou. Power Point: Jack Pan. Bulletin: Horace Kwok.
6. **Cantonese Ministerial Committee:** Chairman: Johnny Chan.
Members: Ka Fan Lai, Mimi Tou, Horace Kwok, Jocelina, Sundi. Ushers: Moon Tang, PPT/Bulletin: Horace.
7. **IT Director:** Horace Kwok.
8. **Audio Director:** Matthew Yip. Members: Rick Li (M), Mike Kwok (C)
9. **Video Director:** Rick Li. Member: Gary Chen
10. **Website Director:** Matthew Yip.
11. **Facilities Director:** Gary Chen.
Members: Alan Wong, Rick Li, Horace Kwok, Matthew Yip, Mike Kwok
12. **F&B manager:** Sunday Lunch and special celebration- Leo Yuen
13. **Baptism Director:** Alan Wong
14. **Communion Director:** Lam Ling
15. **Summer Conference Coordinator:** Vacant

We praise God for His protection,
And loving care of our young church, ABMC.
Amen.