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Children Sunday Service 9:00 AM stream began at WCAC.CA

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Note from the Pastor

There is a post on a popular Campus Ministry WeChat group recently inviting student to fellowship online; it starts with "The wonderful time of campus fellowship has ended, I am alone, jobless no church to go...has God forgotten me?.."

When we face seasons in our life with uncertainties, we often ask similar questions. I am laid off, where is my next job? I am over 30 already, can I still meet the right person for me? As Christians, can we ask such questions that seems to doubt God? Of course! There is a missionary who shared his experience. One time he got an opportunity to finally take his family to vacation during his Sabbatical. When he was preparing the BBQ and watching his

kids swim in the lake, a sad feeling suddenly struck him. He complained to God "Lord, is this all I get to serve you? My college friends are all having good achievements now and I am still on the fork of intersection that is still struggling to find my next destination." At that time, two verses came to him: "What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ. Philippians 3:8 "" Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press

on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13-14 "

Can we question God? Of course. I have asked similar questions, too. The Lord gave me another two verses. "This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. Jeremiah 29:11"" He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Romans 8:32" Our Lord want his children to know that he is sufficient, in him we already have everything.

The Lord is everything, He is our satisfaction.

Coming Events

Online Sunday Service—watch stream at WCAC.CA

English Ministry:

Sunday Service

Livestream starts at 9:30 AM

Prayer Meeting

Thursday 8:00 PM through

English Sunday School

Sunday at 10:30 AM Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/ j/81599862778? pwd=eWNTUWNNMmRwbX huRIN1Mjd1bXZiQT09 Meeting ID: 815 9986 2778

Password: 532874

Cantonese Ministry:

Sunday Service

Livestream SCAC service starting at 9:30 AM

New link posted at

https://www.scac.org/

Prayer Meeting

Saturday 4:00 PM through WebEx and WhatsApp.

Praver items:

- Brothers and sisters can keep growing in Christ as meeting go online.
- 2. Pray for government to control the pandemic.
- 3. Pray for those been affected by the pandemic.

Mandarin Ministry:

Sunday Service

Livestream start at 10:30 AM Pastor Abraham Niu

Topic: Set your minds on things above

Verse: Colossians 3:1-4

Next week (6/14)

Pastor Timothy Wang Verse: Colossians 3:16-19

Sunday School

Seeker class 9:15 AM Through Zoom Other classes 11:30 AM through WebEx and WeChat

Prayer Meeting

Thursday 7:30 PM through WebEx

Remember who we are — by Adam Yang

"'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: You have gone far enough, O princes of Israel! Give up your violence and oppression and do what is just and right. Stop dispossessing my people, declares the Sovereign LORD. Ezekiel 45:9

Here the Lord, through Ezekiel, calls to His 'princes of Israel' which is us; the people He calls out from the nations to:

- 1.Bring justice to the earth, treat people with kindness, grace and integrity. (Ezekiel 45:9-12)
- 2. Worship the Lord through offering and dedication (Ezekiel 45:13 46:8)

"'When the people of the land come before the LORD at the appointed feasts, whoever enters by the north gate to worship is to go out the south gate; and whoever enters by the south gate is to go out the north gate. No one is to return through the gate by which he entered, but each is to go out the opposite gate. Ezekiel 46:9

When we come to the Lord, transformed by the power of the blood of Christ Jesus, we need to make sure we do not return to the way we were. Knowing that we have a new life is not enough, we need to intentionally challenge ourselves, as Christians, asking this question: should I have a different way of thinking or reaction to the things or events I am going through? Things happen, we have little control as to what happens to us, but we have a choice and freedom in Him and by His power to decide how we react to those things. Paul said:

12 I know what it is to be in need, and I

know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:12-13

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is --his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2

As Christians, we are transformed by God's power. No longer belonging to this world. Remember who we are!

Devotional note: 6/2/2020

C&MA - Envision Canada

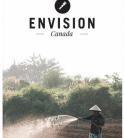
As a resource of the C&MA, Envision Canada helps to identify and develop future missional leaders who innovate, establish, and strengthen communities of faith in key urban environments. Envision does this through following program through varieties of stages of leader development

1. Trip
Trips are for teams interested in taking a 7-10 day short-term mission trip to come alongside, partner with, and learn from C&MA long-term workers and their ministry partners.

2. Internships

Through hands-on ministry, interns will experience discipleship and opportunities to grow in their faith journey.

3. GAP
Opportunities for hands-on ministry experience in a cross-cultural setting ranging from 2 to 9 months. Experiencing a lifestyle of ministry at one of Envision



sites, learn and travel together as a group, and receive discipleship by site leadership.

4. Apprenticeship

Envision Canada Apprenticeships are 2 year commitments that are a part of the long-term development strategy for raising up leaders.

5. Career

Become International Workers serve in four main types of ministries:

- Church Development
- Marketplace
- Justice and Compassion
- Worker Support

Update from WCAC Epidemic Response Team

When can we go back to church? As the Ontario government starts the first stage of re-opening the economy and almost 3 months of stoppage of church gatherings, this is probably a question everyone is asking. The ERT has been working on this issue in the past few weeks. Basically we are not setting a firm timeline to open the church. Instead, whether opening or not will be dependent on how ready we are for going back. The considerations are as followed:

 Does the government allow church re-opening? Currently large crowd gathering is planned for stage 3 of Ontario re-open plan. We will not go ahead before the government.

- 2. Do we have all the procedures and processes ready to ensure the safety of congregation and serving team?
- 3. Do we have all the supplies needed for protecting members' safety?

Even the three above criteria are made, we will still take a gradual opening approach, which likely is in stages. The readiness and schedule will be different for each congregation. This means not necessarily we will open 3 congregations all together at the same

time.

Meanwhile, while we still stay home, please remind ourselves the church is not just a building. We can still practice loving one another and tell the gospel as the body of Christ.

