



WCAC Weekly

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Note from the Pastor

The evangelical church of the 20th century drew from a people pool influenced by Christian morals and values. When I was young, parents who did not attend church often sent their children to Sunday School and back yard bible clubs. Schools distributed a New Testament to students every year and students prayed the Lord's prayer each morning. Most new believers came into the church with at least some church experience or Christian influence. However, the people pool of the 21st century has changed. The so-called "nones" (no religious affiliation), who now make up the largest percentage of the population, have never been in a church, opened a Bible or been influenced by its teachings. The darkness of this generation is deeper, the brokenness more severe and the bondages to addictive behaviours more binding than ever before. If we really want to see a harvest from this field it is going to create a mess in our faith commu-

nities as these new believers begin the sanctification journey toward the likeness of Christ. The question is, are we prepared for the mess?

When (Jesus) saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. (Matt.9:36) Jesus saw the people differently than the religious leaders of his day. The Pharisees saw them as perpetrators of sin and they judged them. Jesus saw them as victims of sin and he had compassion on them. Compassion is a sympathy toward the distress and suffering of others with a desire to alleviate it.

How do we see the people of our community? Do we see them with the eyes of Christ? How we see the people will determine how we respond to them.

Perfectionism, and its ugly sister intolerance, create a fundamental tension in many of our churches. Like the Pharisees of Jesus day, reli-

gious perfectionists give no allowance for the faults and failures of people whose spirits may be renewed by Christ, but who's souls remain badly broken. The process of sanctification for many of these people begins much further back, and may take far longer, than in previous generations.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields'. (Vss.37,38)

But what if those workers bring the harvest into your barn? What will you do with members of the LGBTQ community, prostituted individuals; drug, alcohol and sex addicts, and those who's souls are suffering from childhood abuse who come to faith, but continue to struggle with sinful temptations and behaviours?

There is no use praying for the Lord to send workers to gather the harvest unless and until we are willing to accept and manage the mess that harvest will bring.

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Coming Events

English Ministry:

Sunday Service

Livestream starts at 9:30 AM

Prayer Meeting

Thursday 9:00 PM through Zoom

English Sunday School

Sunday at 10:30 AM
Join Zoom Meeting

Cantonese Ministry:

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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.

Mandarin Ministry:

Sunday Service

Livestream start at 9:30 AM

Brother Adam Yang

Christ-centered living

Colossians 4:2-6

Next Sunday

Brother Weitian Chen

The heart of a shepherd

Colossians 4:7-18

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

Canada government announces new EI rules for Covid affected workers

The Government of Canada is continuing to take significant and decisive action to support Canadians and protect jobs during the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic. The Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) was an important and necessary temporary response to support Canadians who had to stop working due to the pandemic. As we safely restart Canada's economy, the Government will be transitioning to a simplified Employment Insurance (EI) program, effective September 27, 2020, to provide income support to those who remain unable to work and are eligible, and introducing a new suite of temporary and taxable recovery benefits to further support workers.

The new rule follow will in effect for 1 year.

For Regular EI or current CERB recipients:

- 120 hours of work required to qualify
- Minimum benefit rate of \$400 per week
- At least 26 weeks of regular benefits

To help individuals qualify with a minimum of 120 hours of work, EI claimants will receive a one-time insurable hours credit of:

- 300 insurable hours for claims for regular benefits (job loss)
- 480 insurable hours for claims for special benefits (sickness, maternity/parental, compassionate care or family caregiver)

Additional benefit includes:

- Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit :
The new Canada Recovery Sickness

Benefit would provide \$500 per week, for up to two weeks, effective September 27, 2020 for one year, for workers who are unable to work because they are sick or must self-isolate due to COVID-19.

- Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit

The new Canada Recovery Caregiver Benefit, would be effective from September 27, 2020 for one year, and provide \$500 per week, for up to 26 weeks per household to eligible Canadians who is unable to work due to school/day care closure cause by Covid out-break.

You can go to Canada.ca website for details. Here is the URL:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/08/supporting-canadians-through-the-next-phase-of-the-economy-re-opening-increased-access-to-ei-and-recovery-benefits.html>

Central District—Church Development

What is Church Development?

It's all about developing HEALTHY CHURCHES – because Healthy Churches and Healthy Leaders lead to Healthy Mission.

This means proactively working together to create greater Spiritual, Relational, Vision and Structural health. Because the healthier we become in these four areas, the more Christ-centered, Spirit-empowered and Mission-focused we will become. That's a journey worth embarking on!

C&MA Central District provide the following ministry services to its member churches:

1. Church Health Assessment

Whether in Transition (between Lead Pastors), or seeking to go through a periodic "check-up", a Church Health Assessment (CHA) may be just what you need to determine your spiritual, relational, vision or structural Health.

2. Governance Training Workshop

The Governance Workshop is designed to help Pastors and their Elders understand their role in shepherding and governing the church, both as Biblical Elders and as Directors of a Charity.

3. Pastoral Search Process

The Search Process is one of the most important spiritual journeys that a church embarks on. So, whether you are about to embark on a search for a

new Lead Pastor or other Pastoral Staff, call the DMC before beginning the process. They will sit down with you and your board to help prepare you for this important spiritual journey, helping you: put together the right kind of Search Team, prep the Search Team & Elders for the task they've been called to, and familiarize them with the CCD Pastoral Search Manual.

4. Transitional Ministries

Through the intentional and strategic guidance of Transitional Leaders, the church goes through a process that allows them to say good-bye to the past and prepare for the future during period of lead pastor changes.

Update from WCAC Epidemic Response Team

As we are counting down for church reopening, here are some things you can expect when attending church service.

- Before you leave your house, complete a self-certified Health Survey
- Please print your name and phone number on the survey. Each one in your household who is going to attend the service need to fill out their own survey.
- If you answer "YES" to any of the survey question, stay home and join the online service.

- Survey is required to enter church
- Before entering the church building, you will receive a non-contact temperature scan, if it's above 37.8° C. you will be asked to return home.
- Face covering is required all the time when you are in church building.
- Wash your hand with Hand Sanitizer before entering church.
- Practice social distance everywhere.
 - Line up waiting for entering

church

- Follow the single direction
 - Sit on marked seat
 - No matter how awesome is, please refrain from any personal contact. Air high fives only
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