



St. Christopher's Christmas Newsletter

聖公會聖基道堂 聖誕通訊 2024

Be Christ-like Make Disciples

Canon Philip Der

"The people who walk in darkness will see a great light." Isaiah 9:2a
As nights get longer and the sky darker, the world longs to see a great light. We, as followers of Jesus Christ, are called to shine the light of Christ in this gloomy world.



"Be Christ Like, Make Disciples" is our theme for 2024-2025. We learn to live out our faith and at the same time make more disciples. Each of our ministry team worked hard to achieve this goal. Thanks to Marilyn Yeung who heads our Nurturing team, faith nurturing courses were offered year-round in 2024. 40 people attended Adult Sunday School classes each week and together they completed their studies on Genesis in the winter term and Ecclesiastes in the fall term. Both studies were led by Ricky Chan. The nurturing team also organized a Winter Retreat titled "The Spiritual Life of Being a Disciple" in March. It was led by Canon Victor Li and attended by 50 people.

Due to the added frequency of and increased participants in YEAH Club RHC, the Mission department trained 20 members how to share short Christian messages in all 14 weekly outreach programs. Currently, we have over 210 participants in our Tai Chi, Line Dance, Ping Pong, Karaoke, Mandarin and craft classes. Some participants attended

活像基督 建立門徒

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「在黑暗中行走的百姓看見了大光」以賽亞書 9:2上。正當黑夜越來越長，天又越是早黑時，這世界更是渴望見到亮光。身為耶穌基督的門徒，我們蒙召要在這幽暗的環境下散發出基督的光。

「活像基督 建立門徒」是2024-2025年的主題。我們一方面學習活出我們所信的，同時也去建立更多的門徒。我們各事工團隊都朝住這目標邁進。從培育看，Ricky Chan主領的成人主日學在年頭所教的「創世記」及秋季教的「傳道書」課程各有40人參加。在三月份，李永鏗法政牧師主導的「作門徒的靈命」退修會有50人出席。大家都得著良多。感謝楊嘉佩及團隊，還有各小組組長培育我們屬命上成長。



冬令退修會 Winter Retreat 3/16

在傳道部，今年一月我們栽培了20位成員在我們每星期14個活力社外展活動中，與學員分享中場點滴。現時每週我們超過210人次來參加太極，排舞，乒乓球，唱卡拉OK，普通話，及手工班等。

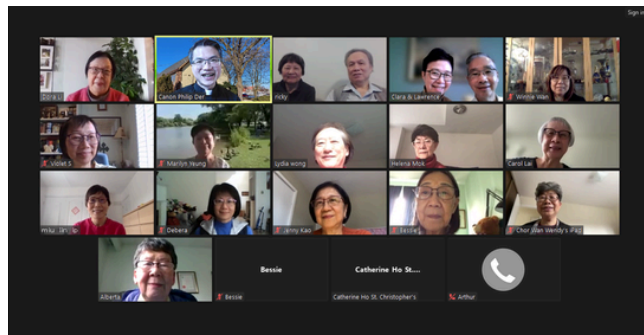


more than one program each week, and many community members appreciated and looked forward to our mid-program sharing. At least 12 of them were exploring Christian faith and joined our Sunday worship this year. In

addition, under the banner of Hong Kong Newcomers ministry, three public workshops were organized and over 180 people attended. We also hosted Chinese New Year and a Mid-Autumn Festival Celebrations for newcomers living in GTA. About 60 people participated in each of these events. We welcomed our new



Missioner, Pastor Timothy Chan, in May and the focus of his ministry would be working with newcomers from Hong Kong and our YEAH Club members. The highlight of this year in Mission was the Evangelistic Meeting in June. Over 90 people attended the event and 7 of them accepted Christ. Later 25 people joined our Seeker/Baptismal class in July and August and 6 of them were baptized during St. Christopher's 33rd Anniversary service in September. In the same month, we hosted the 7th Annual Ping Pong Karaoke Fundraiser, over 80 participants and raised \$42,845 for the



成人主日學 – 創世記 (4/28)
Adult Sunday School – Genesis

部份成員每週參加多過一個活動。不少社區人士表示欣賞我們「中場點滴」的信息。其中十位在今年內加入了我們的主日崇拜，並追求福音。另外，在傳道部屬下的

「移加事工」，我們舉辦了三次的講座，共超過180人參加。我們又為已到步的新朋友在農曆新春及中秋節舉行慶祝晚會，每次都有50-60人出席。在五月，我們歡迎陳澤滿傳道加入，專注在這事工及活力社的外展工作。今年的高潮可說是在六月舉辦的「意外中的意外」佈道會，超過90人參加，其中7位決志相信基督。接住的初信班也有25人報了名。當中有6位在九月的三十三週年堂慶崇拜中洗了禮。在同一个月份，我們也舉辦的第七屆乒乓球唱K同樂日中，創下人數及善款的新高。當日超過80人參與，為教區信心工作籌得\$42,845。感謝溫張梅芳及部員的努力。

關懷部於二月舉辦了探訪員訓練。在五月，我們與活力社合辦精神健康的工作坊。另外在六月辦的迎新會，有26位新教友來參加。感謝北約克堂負責人王梁楚雲及烈治文山堂負責人吳美容，還有其他的關懷員去關顧新舊的教友。在今年內，上帝領了50位新教友來參加我們的崇拜。

在一月，我們前英文傳道鄭國慶傳道開辦了普通話小組，共有5-10人參加。他在



全堂去Oshawa 旅行 (8/10)



乒乓球唱K 同樂日Ping Pong Karaoke Fundraiser 9/14

Diocesan FaithWorks. We give thanks for Winnie Wan (Mission Chair) and her team for their great effort!

St. Christopher's Caring department hosted a pastoral visitor training session in February. They co-organized a Mental Health workshop with YEAH Club in May. Early June, 26 new members came for our annual Welcoming Party who have joined us in the past 12 months. We would like to thank our North York coordinator, Annie Ng. Together with their team members, they care for our new and existing members. This year, God led 50 new parishioners to our Sunday services.

Pastor Melvin left St. Christopher's for Singapore in April and Pastor Vivian Chu-Chen joined us in June to lead the English congregation. She has also taken over the work with the Mandarin small group (5-10 members) started by Pastor Melvin in January. Her specialty in spiritual direction is a great asset to St. Christopher's.

In 2024, we also welcome our new Richmond Hill administrator, Anna Yu, and custodian, Michael Sawatzky. We are grateful for having them onboard. As we are about to bid farewell to 2024, on behalf of the church, I would like to thank you for your continuous support of our

四月返回星加坡。我們與他道別後，徐惠雲傳道於六月上任。她不單領導英文事工，同時也領普通話小組。她專注屬靈導引 (Spiritual Direction)，對整個

教會的靈命成長都會有大的幫助。

今年內，我們也歡迎新的烈治文山堂幹事，余丹妮，及堂役Michael Sawatzky。正當我們預備向2024年道別時，僅代表教會，我衷心地多謝余夏萍及梁錫輝堂長，各領袖，及大家對教會的支持。你們在時間，才幹，及奉獻上的參與激勵我們要為上帝的國度做得更好！祝大家聖誕快樂，新年進步！



6/2 迎新會 Welcoming Party

ministry. Your contribution in time, talent, and donations has inspired us to do better for God's kingdom! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



9/22 6位新受洗者
6 newly baptized

What is your favourite Christmas song? My favourite Christmas song is 'Silent Night'. The reason is that I sang this song when I did a study tour with Tyndale Seminary in Israel. When the group sang this song in Bethlehem, Jesus' birthplace, in that moment we all felt the holiness and the tranquillity the night Jesus was born; as if we were presented with baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph at the manger.

When my friend Melvin decided to move back to Singapore, he asked me if I would be interested in

joining St. Christopher Anglican church as their Lay English Pastor. I was honoured, until he told me he also asked three of his other friends. Through visiting the church and praying for God's guidance, I joined the St. Christopher's Family in June 2024.



Farewell to Pastor Melvin & Gina 3/24

Like the birth of baby Jesus who brought new hope, joy, peace and love to the world; I hope my journey with the English congregation will also bring new inspiration, perspective and spiritual breath to them. As an urban missionary, I outreached to the sex workers in the GTA. Seeing the darkness in the city, the hopelessness in the sex

workers' eyes, I wondered, "What can I bring to St. Christopher's?" Serving as a house church pastor in the subsidised housing in Markham, I wondered, "What can I bring to this new family?" And finally, being a spiritual director, how does my experience breathe new spiritual awareness into them? A new journey like baby Jesus, I cling onto our Lord and continue exploring.

Since I started, I have joined the annual Richmond Hill Ward 3 BBQ to know the neighbourhood. In order to get to know the next generation, I started a monthly 'Breakfast with Jesus' with them on Sunday morning. It is a time for them to get to know each other - a time of fellowship in which they feel safe to share what they are going through. During one game night, a young adult said she didn't know the other person is so competitive. Playing games really draws out the best or the worst of us. We also have 'Dance Fever Night' for them to come out and have fun. Beside all these fun activities for



Breakfast with Jesus 8/18

the NextGen, the adults also have their 'fun'. We are doing a book study on the book 'Prayer' by Richard Foster. This book is the first prayer book I read when God put the passion of prayer in my life. Since then, prayer has been an essential part of my spiritual discipline. I hope prayer can be cultivated as an essential spiritual practice in St. Christopher's.

Advent is a time of waiting in anticipation for the Morning star to shine into the dark and hopeless world. I pray that St. Christopher will be that light for the community and Richmond Hill. When you are sipping a cup of hot chocolate and listening to your favourite Christmas songs, reflect on the story of the manger. May you be blessed and be a blessing to others this Christmas!

Mandarin Group

Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" Luke 5:10.

When Canon Philip asked me to help with the Mandarin group, I felt like Peter. As Mandarin is my third language, it was a new challenge for me. Besides the

language, I had to learn a 'new' culture. In trembling and fear I took on this new responsibility. A new blessed journey began, and it was a mutual learning experience.

Our Bible study time gave them a safe space to express their own opinion and their view on the scripture. A new freedom that they did not have before. After every Bible study, they would prepare dinner and enjoy a yummy meal together. After months in the fellowship, they expressed their trust towards each other and especially to Christians. This trust towards Christian enticed their desire to learn more about God. In addition to our Tuesday morning regular gathering, we also gather online to study Exodus. The former lay pastor, Pastor Melvin Tai, leads this. As requested, we started a baptismal class in November and hope that some will be baptized on Christmas Day.

We thank our group leader, Lin Jiang, for her leadership in the group. Please pray for the Mandarin group that they will be touched by the love of God. May His love compel them to accept Jesus in their hearts as Jesus will be the best gift they will ever receive this Christmas.



Fall Festival Costume Party 10/26



Mandarin Group 普通話小組

耶穌對西門說：「不要怕！從今以後，你要得人了。」路加福音 5:10

當謝法政請我幫忙普通話小組時，我感到有如彼得一樣的恐懼。普通話是我的第三語言，講國語對我來說是個挑戰。除了語言，我還要學新的文化。在戰戰兢兢下，我擔當了這責任。一個蒙福的旅程開始後，原來這是互相學習的經驗。

我們的查經給大家一個安全的平台表達我們的意見及對聖經的看法。這是一個從未有過的新的自由。查完經後，我們總一起預備膳食，享受國內南北方的小菜。經過數個月在小組中活動，他們彼此間建立了信任，尤其是對基督徒更是。這份信任使他們更想學習更多有關上帝的事。現在除了逢週二早上聚會及聚餐外，我們還在每週四晚上由前傳道人，鄭國慶傳道透過視像與我們研讀出埃及記。在成員的要求下，我們在11月開始了洗禮班。期望在聖誕當日，有成員願意接受聖洗禮。

我們感謝組長江林的領導。請為普通話小組禱告，願上帝的愛感動他們，使他們接受主耶穌進入他們的心內，讓他們知道主耶穌是這聖誕最好的禮物。



新傳道的分享

陳澤滿傳道



On Your Mark 職青團契

大家好，願主的平安常與您們同在！我是聖公會聖基道堂的傳道人，陳澤滿(Pastor Timothy)。我來到加拿大大概有半年多的時間。我在這期間看到上帝藉著聖基道堂祝福了很多人的生命。

移加事工

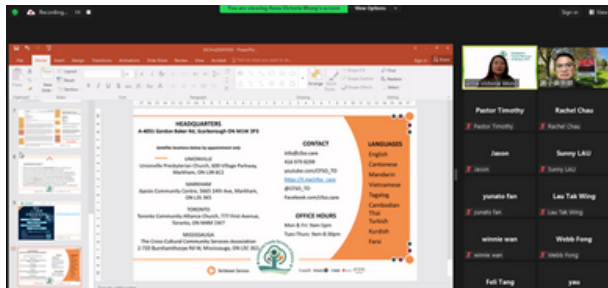
我主要負責跟進和牧養剛剛來到加拿大的青年人。我們有一個On Your Mark家庭團契，每月都有兩次聚會在教友家中進行。參與的青年人都是剛剛來到加拿大工作和學習。其實，在我未上任之前已經聽聞這裡的主任牧師和弟兄姊妹，對剛剛來到的青年人付出了很大的愛心和承擔。他們開放自己

的家庭提供臨時的居所，又關心他們在生活上的各種需要，例如：尋找工作，如何適應新的環境，在他們患病時接送他們去檢查。當中最令我感動的是，教會不單在生活上提供適切的牧養關懷，讓他們更順暢地安頓下來，還帶領青年人認識到上帝的大愛。有些青年人願意接受福音，決志和洗禮加入教會。





移加事工「月圓楓盛 中秋晚會」(9/15)
HK Newcomers Ministry "Mid-Autumn
Festival" celebration



10/26 「移加事工 - 由搵工到面試」工作坊
HK Newcomers "Job Search" workshop

使徒者聯盟 Acts 29

我們另一個職青小組，主要是牧養已在職場有一段時間的青年基督徒。他們有的已組織了家庭，也有單身青年。我們明白到他們的身份、角色和面對生活的挑戰都在轉變。願望我們能夠在這小組中彼此聆聽，了解，分享和同行。在上帝的愛中互相支持，也讓我們的下一代得到祝福！



使徒者聯盟 Acts 29 (10/27)

活力社

在其他時間，我也會參與本堂在北約克堂和烈治文山堂的福音外展活動。在他們活動的中場休息時段，我們會向他們分享上帝的福音。鼓勵他們參與教會，領受從主而來的永恆盼望。我見到很多長者，很開心地參與本堂的活力社所舉辦的不同活動，例如：太極班、排舞班 (Line Dance)、手工班、讚美操、乒乓球和卡拉OK活動。我見到他們能夠展現活力的一面感到非常欣慰。特別在疫情之後，我更加明白到長者們可以透過我們的活動增加對社區的連繫 (Social inclusion)，減少孤獨感 (Reduce the level of loneliness)、保持良好的反應和平衡力 (Fall prevention)...

有些長者更向我表達，他們參與活力社之後可以再次重拾青年時的嗜好，讓他們的退休生活更添樂趣。歡迎您隨時來參與我們的活動和領受上帝的賜福！



週三排舞班 (3/27)
Wednesday Line Dance



活力社「中場點滴」時間
Mid-program sharing in YEAH Club



新受洗者的見證撮要

梁天宏Oscar Leung 的見證：

這是我到埗加拿大兩天後的故事。2022年4月29日，為了處理SIN Number，我已經在Service Canada門口排隊好幾小時。之後，我又要處理銀行和其他文件。不幸的是，我辛苦了一天後，Airbnb的房東竟然發訊息給我，要求我明天離開目前正在住的房間。

幸好，在第三天早上我聯絡到謝牧師，最終找到臨時住處。接住的星期日又參加了教會崇拜。教會令我感到溫暖，又使我心靈平靜，有如走入避風港。這成為了我認識宗教和參加團契的開始。

決志信主後，我對受洗感到猶豫，認為自己的行為未足以成為一個真正的基督徒。後來我明白到，受洗只是成為基督徒的開始，只要有決心邁出第一步就足夠。

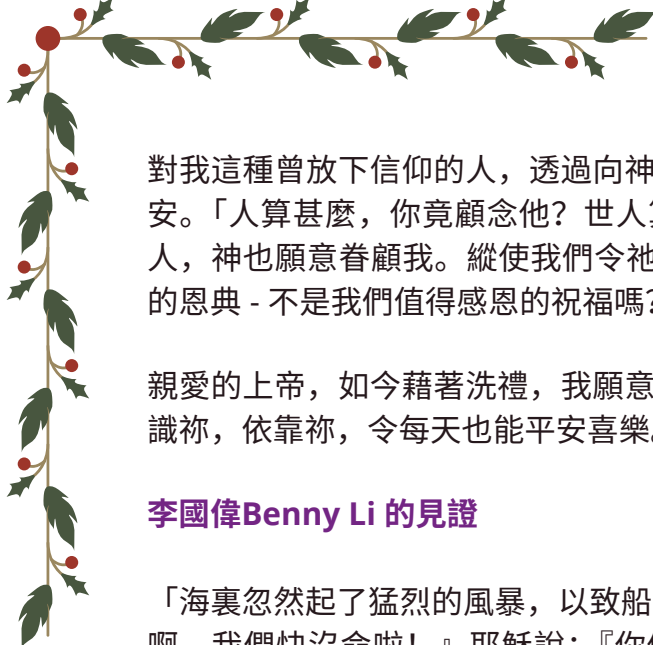
回顧過去，基督在我生命中帶來很多改變。一切都由在Facebook上無意中看到聖基道堂的廣告開始。一路上主耶穌使我體會到自己的渺小，學習凡事感恩。最後，我相信在往後的日子，基督會一直在我身旁。

梁喜怡Marie Leung的見證

在昔日愚鈍的我誤以為自己對上帝已有足夠的認識，甚至曾覺得信靠主是軟弱的人想有心靈寄託才會的，因而放下了信仰。但在這過去9個月，我才認知到自己的無知，明白到原來自己現在才漸漸開始真正接觸上帝。

在各種因緣下，認識到Auntie Winnie和Auntie Betty，使我有機會加入教會。感恩有幸能得到家人和教友的幫助，讓我能更容易適應這個陌生的環境。不過雖看似堅強，總想自己努力獨立，好讓別人不必憂心，但內心總是忐忑不安。每天為健康擔憂，為生活煩惱，為工作憂愁.....回想那段時間，原來自己一直都有壓力而不自知。這情況一直持續到佈道會後重拾每晚向上帝禱告的習慣才得緩解

聖經曾說道：「應當一無掛慮，只要凡事藉著禱告、祈求，和感謝，將你們所要的告訴神。」腓立比書4:6。每天禱告，使我能藉此回看當日所發生的事，或有喜有悲，有委屈有憤怒，但在禱告中，藉著聖靈的帶動，我懂得放下。禱告使我學會欣賞更多生活中的小確幸，即使只是一些生活的瑣碎事也要保持感恩的心，亦使我開始學習去理解別人。這些細微的變化，令我感受到原來神從未離開，一直在我身旁，看顧著我，藉著聖靈的帶動改變我。



對我這種曾放下信仰的人，透過向神禱告，祂仍願意接納我，繼續帶領我，好讓我能得到平安。「人算甚麼，你竟顧念他？世人算甚麼，你竟眷顧他？」（詩篇8:4）我只是一個平凡的人，神也願意眷顧我。縱使我們令祂失望，祂仍願意饒恕我們。難道能領受如此無私的 - 祂的恩典 - 不是我們值得感恩的祝福嗎？

親愛的上帝，如今藉著洗禮，我願意悔改，求祢赦免我的罪，進入我生命中，使我能繼續認識祢，依靠祢，令每天也能平安喜樂。禱告是靠賴我主耶穌基督的聖名而求。阿們。

李國偉Benny Li 的見證

「海裏忽然起了猛烈的風暴，以致船幾乎被波浪淹沒，...。門徒去叫醒他，說：『主啊，救命啊，我們快沒命啦！』耶穌說：『你們這些小信的人哪，為甚麼膽怯呢？』於是他起來，斥責風和海，風和海就大大平靜了。」馬太福音 8:24-26

耶穌曾獻出生命，為救贖世人所犯的罪，而被釘在十字架上。祂所主張的公義及憐憫，不正是我所追求的嗎？只要我們全心全意的相信，並接受主耶穌基督，我們便可因此得到救贖，並可以通往天堂永生之路！

在中四那年，試過一次心臟不規律加速跳動超過幾小時，甚至口中不斷地咳出血水。心想生命是去向盡頭嗎？自己在害怕中向主祈求，求主保佑我能夠脫離一切的痛苦。非常奇怪，祈禱後，我內心再沒有驚慌。結果醫生用心臟電擊器震盪我的心臟一下，心跳便回復正常。經過專科的診斷及藥物的控制後，病情越來越隱定。十多年後，奇蹟地我再不需要吃藥了。醫生解釋說：「這是奇蹟」。我想，是我對神的信念，使我得救。祇要我祈求，必得到神的帶領。而且，卻果往往是出人意表，比我祈求的更加適當及驚喜。

我希望在聖公會聖基道堂接受洗禮之後，能更進一步拉近我和神的距離，重新了解聖經中的話語，學習主耶穌基督的一切，作為我人生努力的目標。

錢小芬Olivia Chin的見證

我以前覺得只要心裏信主便足夠，我便是一個基督徒。洗禮並不重要的，只是一個形式。但今年六月認識到教友Christine，開始參加聖基道堂的崇拜。更在六月「意外中的意外」佈道會中，令我心有感動而決志。在初信班中，與謝牧師及教會內的兄弟姊妹一齊研習聖經，加深對主耶穌基督的認識。在我緊張時，禱告時禱告時常帶給我平安。在「平安」的歌詞中，有一句是：「耶穌是我牧者永在我旁，祢杖祢竿都安慰我」，令我感覺到主常與我同在。

現在我決心洗禮成為一個心裏相信，口裏承認的基督徒，開始學習如何與上帝建立關係，如何與主同行。



李俊賢 Jack Li 的見證

我在小學及中學都是在基督教學校就讀，因而認識主耶穌的事跡。每當我感到孤單時，我就會祈禱。主耶穌每次都垂聽我的禱告。可惜我卻背棄了祂，把我遇到的人都當成是我心靈的依靠。我曾停止了祈禱，但耶穌並沒有放棄我，祂一直等待我。直到上年12月，我和前女友分手後，我才知道我渴求的是神的愛。有主耶穌的愛，有祂的陪伴，我並不孤單。所以我決志相信祂。我曾是一個浪子，但現在我回頭了。我決定洗禮，立志擺上我的生命，傳揚耶穌。「上帝愛世人，甚至將他獨一的兒子賜給他們，叫一切信他的人不致滅亡，反得永生。」約翰福音 3:16

楊松柏 Arthur Yeung的見證

主耶穌的恩典常在我身邊。我們一家在加拿大的生活都有神的帶領和保守。在半年前，我為尋找實習工作而感到有點沮喪。雖然沒有怎去禱告，神仍然察覺到我的憂慮，令我可以順利地找到實習工作。工作地點較為合適，而上司和同事也很樂意教導。

令我決心信主的轉捩點是透過「意外中的意外」講者Harrison的見證，他小時候發生嚴重車禍，影響深遠。雖然他沒有說出他的需求，但主沒有離棄他，一直保守他的生活，給他勇氣和積極的態度。我被他的經歷深深感動到。

另外一個轉捩點是聖靈從Timothy傳道口中提醒我要數算恩典，就算是微小的恩典也不要覺得理所當然。

此外，在聖靈的引導下，我在教會中認識了一班好朋友，教我網上直播編輯，分鏡拍攝等電腦技能。充實了我的暑假，提升了實用技巧。

信主之後，我更有感恩的心和對生活的盼望。在信仰的路上，我希望自己繼續深入認識神的話語與道理，從而運用在日常生活中與人相處的層面，常存一顆感恩的心，感染身邊人。

[金句]

凡事謝恩；因為這是上帝在基督耶穌裏向你們所定的旨意。

帖撒羅尼迦前書 5:18

應當一無掛慮，只要凡事藉着禱告、祈求，和感謝，將你們所要的告訴神。

腓立比書 4:6

今年感恩的數字

Numbers We Give Thanks in 2024

| | | |
|------------|----------|---|
| 每星期的外展活動 | 14 | Weekly outreach programs |
| 每週外展活動人次 | 210 | No. of attendants in the weekly outreach activities |
| 退修會參加人數 | 50 | No. of participants in the Spring Retreat |
| 新教友人數 | 50 | No. of new parishioners |
| 佈道會決志人數 | 7 | No. of people accepted Christ in the Evangelistic Meeting |
| 初信班人數 | 25 | No. of participants in Faith 101 Class |
| 堂慶受洗者 | 6 | No. of baptized in the Anniversary Service |
| 乒乓球唱K同樂日人數 | 80 | No. of people participated Ping Pong Karaoke Fundraiser |
| 為信心工作籌得 | \$42,850 | Raised for the Diocesan FaithWorks |
| 為食物銀行籌得 | \$9,300 | Raised for the local Food Banks |
| 捐助給的機構 | 32 | No. of organizations we support |
| 捐給其他機構的總數 | \$61,300 | Amount we donate to the charities |



聖誕慶祝活動 Christmas Celebration

(RHC – Richmond Hill Church, NYC – North York Church)
(RHE – Richmond Hill English)

12月7日(星期六) 早上 10:45
讚美操及乒乓球練習班 (北約克堂)

Saturday, December 7 10:45 am
Praise Dance & Ping Pong Class (NYC)

12月8日(星期日)
聖誕歌述崇拜
9 am 北約克堂 (粵語)
11 am 烈治文山堂 (粵語及英語)

Sunday, December 8
Christmas Carol Service
9 am North York Church (Cantonese)
11 am Richmond Hill Church (English and Cantonese)

12月10日(星期二) 早上10:15
太極班 (北約克堂)

Tuesday, December 10 10:15 am
Tai Chi Class (NYC)

12月14日 (星期六) 早上 10:00
聖誕報佳音

Saturday, December 14 10 am
Christmas Caroling

12月18日(星期三)
下午 2:15 排舞班 (北約克堂)
晚上 7:30 盼望之光明的道聯合崇拜
信義會聖保羅堂
(10131 Bayview & Maj Mac)

Wednesday, December 18
2:15 pm Line Dance (NYC)
7:30 pm Hope's Pathway of Light Service
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
(10131 Bayview & Maj Mac)

12月20日(星期五) 早上11:30
活力星期四及活力星期五 (烈治文山堂)

Friday, December 20 11:30 am
YEAH Thursday and YEAH Friday (RHC)

12月21日(星期六)
早上11:00 太極班初班及中班 (烈治文山堂)
下午 3:00 普通話班 (網上)

Saturday, December 21
11 am Tai Chi Beginner and Intermediate (RHC)
3 pm Mandarin Classes (via Zoom)

12月22日(星期日) 早上 11:00
兒童主日學聖誕話劇 (烈治文山英文堂)

Sunday, December 22 11 am
Sunday School Christmas Skit (RHE)

12月25日(星期三) 早上 11:00
聖誕日聖洗禮聖餐崇拜
(烈治文山堂)

Wednesday, December 25 11 am
Christmas Day Holy Baptism and Holy Communion
(RHC)