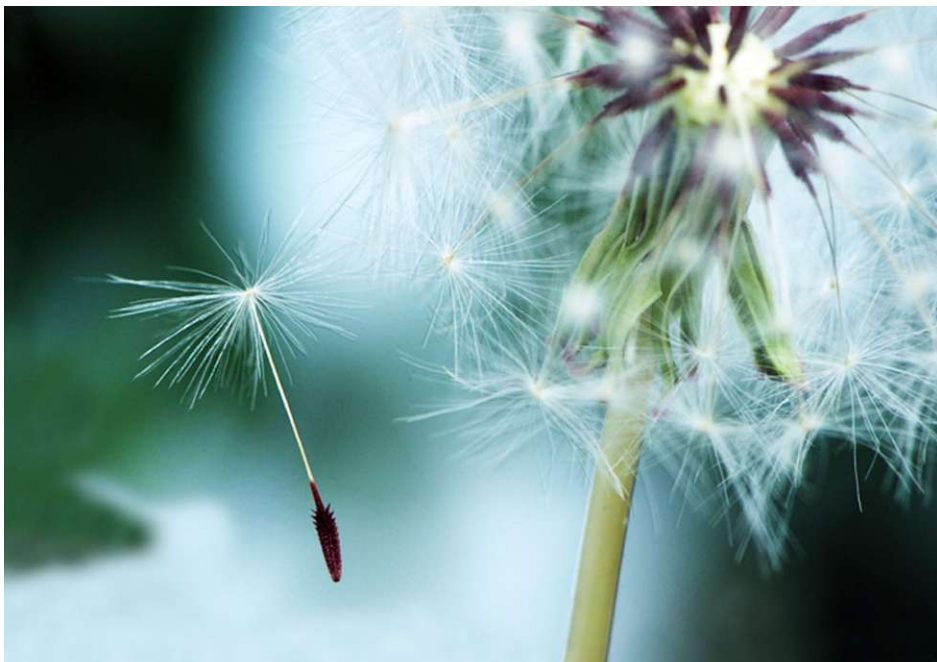


Called to Share the Love of Christ



“...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”
(Acts 1:8)

stand what spiritual meaning it would bring and what purpose it would serve with this model. I strongly believed then that the essence of adopting the Multi-Site Church Model not only brings structural renewal for VCAC, but also, most importantly, it brings the spiritual renewal of missions in our church. A church with a history of 40 years needs to love God in a deeper sense in terms of fulfilling the Great Commission in a more effective way. As this purpose had been ratified, I began to contemplate on the implementation of the model in a fitting and orderly way.

After months of morning meditation, the Lord guided me to complete the **Five-Year Ministry Plan of VCAC** in November 2006. I shared the proposal with the pastoral staff and the Board of Elders at our Staff & Elders Retreat at Carey Theological College on December 9, 2006. We prayed with one heart to build up a healthy and prosperous church by means of the Multi-Site Church Model. For further reading, “*The Five-Year Ministry Plan of VCAC (2007 - 2011)*” is available from the information counter.

The goal of this Five-Year Ministry Plan is to build up a healthy balanced-growing church by using the Multi-Site Church Model. The objectives of

The Five Year Ministry Plan - The Third Site

Our God is a God of design and order. God created the world from chaos and void to orderly form. He also prepared a flawless salvation plan for mankind! (Gal. 4:4-5) Therefore, the church should reflect God's holy attributes. In pastoring the flock and promoting ministries, ... *“everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way”* (I Cor. 14:40).

Year 2006 was an unforgettable and blessed year for VCAC. With a grateful heart we celebrated our 40th anniversary. At the same time, we welcomed the various structural changes in our church administration. We began to adopt the Multi-Site Church Model (MSCM) to have more opportunities to preach the gospel and advance God's kingdom. Through

MSCM, we intend to strengthen the pastoral and caring ministry of each congregation at each of the sites so as to extend missions work and nurture new believers and train disciples systematically. Promoting in-depth nurturing and spiritual leadership training, and enabling the congregation to utilize individual spiritual gifts and talents to serve the church are also some of the main areas of focus. Another dimension of MSCM is to establish a more systematic and clear administrative structure in order to facilitate better communication and effective administration.

After the church had decided to adopt the MSCM, I meditated before God, pondering how this model would affect our future. I needed to under-

the five-year ministry plan are listed as follows:

1. Growth in a deeper understanding of the Bible.
2. Growth in a deeper relationship with God.
3. Growth in loving relationships with one another.
4. Growth in promoting the local and foreign missions.
5. Growth in equipping the laity to get involved in ministry.
6. Growth in training of potential spiritual leaders.
7. Growth in establishing new church sites.

Due to an influx of Mandarin-speaking immigrants to Canada, the Elders Board had passed a motion unanimously to seize this opportunity to build a new Mandarin-focused church in July 22, 2003. Past statistics showed that Canada has welcomed the highest amount of new immigrants from China. It is evident that this is a God-given opportunity for us to expand the Mandarin ministry.

Due to this need, the Canadian Pacific District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance started a Chinese ministry in North Burnaby and established the Burnaby Elim Chinese Alliance Church about nine years ago. In June 2006, after the pastor left, difficulties arose. The Elim congregation met with the District Superintendent to discuss their situation. On September 3, 2006, we received a letter inviting us to consider adopting Elim Church as the

third site to enable the church to continue this ministry.

After careful consideration, the board deemed that the timing was not suitable, because it was during a transition period of implementing the MSCM. Therefore, on October 17, 2006, we decided to support Elim Church as the outreach ministry of VCAC but not as the third site. A number of pastors, elders and lay-leaders have been assisting in Elim church ministries since that time.

2007 is a historical milestone in our church, because on the first of January, we began to launch MSCM. In mid-June, the staff was given the opportunity to share and evaluate the progress of the ministry plans in 2007. We agreed that the MSCM has been beneficial to the nurture and care for each of the congregations, as well as for improving church administration and ministries.

Seizing this opportunity along with the MSCM development, we are proceeding with our Five-Year Ministry Plan. Due to a shortage of space in both Knight Street and Fraser Lands sites, in October 2007, the Elders Board had appointed the "Third Site Planning Committee". Their main focus is to plan for the third site, including site location, redeployment of future and current human resources, coordination of basic and auxiliary ministries, budgeting, scheduling of significant milestones and timeline, vision sharing, mobilization of the congre-

gation and implementation of other issues regarding the third site.

The Elders Board and the planning committee have decided that the location should be in Burnaby, because of the high density of Chinese in Burnaby due to new housing developments. However, there are only a few Chinese churches, so the need for the Gospel is great, but the workers are few! I pray that God will commission us to build the third site to preach the Gospel in Burnaby. After the third site is founded, Elim Church will be incorporated into the MSCM, serving with us with one heart to spread the Good News in order to lead many people to Christ.

When I reflected on the preparation for the third site, God impressed upon my heart His word: *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth* (Acts 1:8). The conjunction "and" was used to link the cities together. This reminds us that although both Knight Street and Fraser Lands sites have numerous needs, we have no choice but to diligently spread the Gospel. The Gospel must be spread to all areas simultaneously, not sequentially. In Isaiah 54, we are reminded that we must expand and not be limited to the areas around us. This is one of our main reasons of implementing the MSCM. In Isaiah 54:2-3, it says, *Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back;*

Vancouver Chinese Alliance Church

Third Site Ministry Prayer Movement

We encourage our members of each congregation to participate in praying for the third site ministry. Please pick up the information handout for details and our monthly prayer calendar in the foyer.



lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities.

In Ezra 3:10-13, When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests in their vestments and with trumpets, and the Levites (the sons of Asaph) with cymbals, took their places to praise the LORD, as prescribed by David king of Israel. With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the LORD : "He is good; his love to Israel endures

forever." And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. But many of the older priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the former temple, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this temple being laid, while many others shouted for joy. No one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy from the sound of weeping, because the people made so much noise. And the sound was heard far away.

When the Israelites laid the foundation for the temple, they stood up and

praised the Lord, singing and shouting with joy. On the day when we see the inauguration of the third site, we will also praise and thank God together, because it will be a strong evidence of God's blessing upon our church. May God continue to bless us to be a worshipping, growing, and loving community that reflects the beauty of Jesus Christ to transform our community and the world. Glory be to God!

**Blessings,
Pastor Ivan Leung**



Communicating with the Alliance Family - Dr. Franklin Pyles, President C&MA Canada

Church Planting

Once again the media is telling us that Canada has moved beyond Christianity. To be honest, they have cause for their pronouncement. The number of people who label themselves as having no religion seems to be growing, while church attendance, even in the Alliance, is decreasing rather than increasing. This leaves us with two possible courses of action. We can either accept this and snooze off while our churches follow the pathway already well worn by some of Canada's large "mainline" churches, or we can present Christ to Canada with even more energy.

Your District Superintendents and I have met during the past year to plot out one of the most comprehensive church planting strategies in the history of our movement. We see the need in our growing metropolitan areas, among new arrivals in Canada, and especially among the emerging generation.

We believe that church planting is the key to influencing the communities of Canada for Christ. But we need your help.

First, we need you to join us spiritually. It is an easy thing in the world to go to church because you and

your family receive something there. What is hard is to see the church as a community with a task, the task of changing the world for Christ. Changing the world is the mandate of the church you attend, and I long for you to have your heart knitted to this vision.

Second, we need you to approve. It is easy to hear such a vision and be glad that someone else is going to do it. However, we need all the churches - and all the members of the churches - to be involved. Church planting requires resources. Some churches will donate people. Others may go on-site and do things like run a summer Vacation Bible School (VBS) for the new church. Others will pray. And hopefully many will donate money. But all can be involved. So we need your approval; that is, approval in action.

I hope that in the months and years ahead your heart will be alive with desire to make Christ known in Canada.

Franklin Pyles
*President
The Christian & Missionary Alliance in Canada*

Meet the Staff

We are happy to welcome the newest members to our pastoral and support staff who have joined us recently. Here's an opportunity for you to get to know them a little better:



Pastor Zion Wu

Music Pastor

Born in Hong Kong, Pastor Zion knew she was gifted in music at an early age. Raised in a Christian family, she grew up attending church, and began taking piano lessons and then joining the Hong Kong Children's Choir. As a teenager, she started serving as pianist for the church choir and fellowship gatherings.

In spite of her gifts, it was never her intention to pursue music studies in university. Through God's divine intervention, she chose music as her profession, graduated from State University of New York at Buffalo with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Music Performance; the Eastman School of Music (Rochester, New York) with a Master of Music degree; and the Doctor of Music degree from Indiana University studying Organ & Church Music.

She has been serving as conductor and organist in various churches and music organizations. In the meantime, she arranged and composed music for both the choir as well as the congregation. Her interests span from the classical realm to Contemporary Christian Music.

Pastor Zion answered God's call by entering the ACTS Seminaries in Langley in 2003. The same year, she released her own CD recording of Organ and Piano music. She obtained a Master of Arts Degree in Christian Studies in 2005. It is her passion that she would use music effectively to worship, glorify God, and build up brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as reach out to non-believers.



Julian Chan

Fraser Lands Facility Administrator (Part-Time)

Putting up with the cold winters in Winnipeg for 32 years, Julian thought he had enough. In 2002, he moved his wife, May, and his two sons to the much warmer city of Vancouver.

He worked as a Food Testing Microbiologist and managed a Food Testing Laboratory for 27 years. He loved his work, especially in solving sanitation and production problems for his clients. He was also a self-taught handyman, doing his own repair and renovation. Following that interest, he obtained a certificate in Home Inspection from BCIT in his spare time. He attended Winnipeg Chinese Alliance Church since his student days and had been serving in the church as a deacon and elder for many years. One of his many multiple roles as an elder included looking after many facets of facility management and care.

He joined Fraser Lands Church since his move to Vancouver and has been actively involved as a Small Group leader and in the Stephen Ministry. His passion is in investing in people and in something that has eternal value. The unforgettable experience from his short term mission trip also put a burden in his heart. He is praying that someday, God-willing, he and his wife can have the opportunity to be able to serve in the missions field long term.



Jada Hui

Accounting Assistant (Part-Time)

Jada grew up in Hong Kong, and joined the Hong Kong Alliance Church in 1987. She and her husband, Stephen, were married in Canada in 1992. She is thankful to God for His blessing, granting them two lovely sons, Lawrence (12) and Christopher (7). They have attended the Vancouver Chinese Alliance Church for 15 years already. They enjoy the fellowship time with brothers and sisters; serving together, sharing together, and building up their spiritual relationship. Her favourite sport is badminton, and she likes to read, listening to music, and going on trips.

Upcoming Special Events

Cantonese Musical Outreach

Saturday March 15, 2008

7:30 pm @ Fraser Lands

Invite your Cantonese-speaking family, friends and co-workers to this upcoming outreach event. All are welcome. No tickets required.

With a cast of nearly 40 actors, dancers and choir members, come and experience a musical drama about the final few days of Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension.



Easter Weekend Services



Good Friday Services

March 21, 2008

Join us for any of our Good Friday services. A special combined service between Knight Street & Fraser Lands congregations for each of our language groups.

English Service 10:00 am @ Fraser Lands Sanctuary
Message: "No Greater Love"

Cantonese Service 10:00 am @ Knight Street Sanctuary
Mandarin Service 10:00 am @ Fraser Lands Chapel

Easter Sunday Services March 23

Knight Street

Cantonese 8:00 am
English 9:15 am
Mandarin 9:15 am
Cantonese 11:00 am

Fraser Lands

Cantonese 9:15 am
Mandarin 9:15 am
English 11:00 am

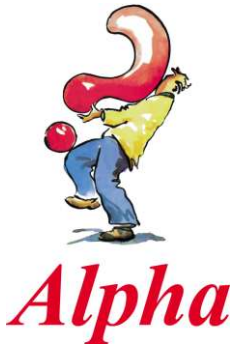
VCAC Baptism Celebration Sunday March 23

Rejoice and celebrate with our brothers and sisters who will be getting baptized.

English Congregations
3:00 pm @ Fraser Lands

Cantonese & Mandarin Congregations
7:30 pm @ Fraser Lands

Outreach Opportunities



What is Alpha?

Alpha is for anyone...anyone who thinks there may be more to life than meets the eye. Alpha is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting.

Alpha is people enjoying great food, laughter and learning in a fun and friendly atmosphere where no question about life and God is seen as too simple or too hostile...questions like...

What's the point of **life**?

Is **forgiveness** possible?

What **relevance** does

Jesus have for our lives today?

Invite your family and friends. Our church is offering the Alpha Course in 3 different languages on 3 different evenings. Please check below for location, dates, times, and who to contact for registration. Please see the ministry display table in the foyer for invitations and for more information.

Alpha Course Start Dates:

Fraser Lands

Cantonese Alpha Thursday April 3 @ 6:45 pm
Contact: Pastor Paul Choy (604) 451-5449 ext. 108
paul_choy@vcac.bc.ca

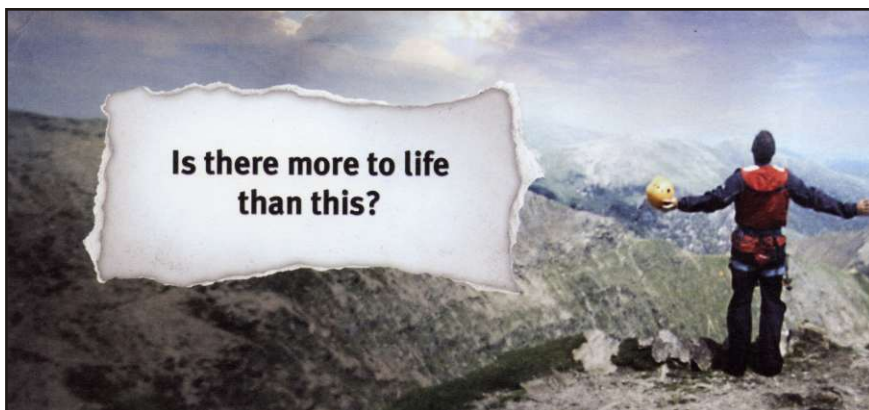
Mandarin Alpha Tuesday April 8 @ 6:30 pm
Contact: Richard Tu (604) 726-5615
Jiong Zhan (604) 773-8599

English Alpha Wednesday April 9 @ 6:30 pm
Contact: Pastor Abe Chan (604) 451-5449 ext. 106
abe_chan@vcac.bc.ca

Knight Street

Cantonese Alpha Thursday April 10 @ 6:45 pm
Contact: Victor Lee (604) 525-2668
victorlee@shaw.ca

Mandarin Alpha Thursday April 10 @ 6:45 pm
Contact: Victor Lee (604) 525-2668
victorlee@shaw.ca



Explore
the meaning of life
at Alpha
this coming April