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AGM 2012 Report for English Congregation

by David Seiboth

English Congregation

The Team

Everyone in the English Congregation is part of our team, because they all participate in some way or other by using their God-given gifts. We are led by a Committee consisting of Pastor David Seiboth, Daniel Yeo, Deacon Colin Chee, Deaconess Mawjoo Yeo, Sook Seiboth, Elder Kai Wong and Rebecca Fong and recently Kenny Cheung has helped us too.

The Mission

Our mission is “to transform people in Merseyside into fully functioning followers of Christ.”

The Vision

Our vision is to be a church where everyone is working together to help each other know God better. We aim to have all who come to our church either become disciples of Christ or become better disciples of Christ, so our vision is to be a church that is working well in four areas:

1. **Reaching Out** -To help those who do not know God, become acquainted with Him and drawn into a relationship with Him as a committed follower of Christ.
2. **Discipling.** To disciple every member, in an atmosphere of love, prayer and Bible teaching, that they may obey God and become more like Jesus.
3. **Serving.** To encourage and provide opportunities for those within the church to use their talents and God-given spiritual gifts to serve the church and the community around us.
4. **Working Together.** To work together in unity with other like-minded churches, to be salt and light in the City and to bless the nations.

Review

We have been working with other churches in Merseyside, particularly other members of the Evangelical Alliance to bring about this transformation. We wish to reach out to all people in our area, regardless of their ethnicity, but given the nature of our church we have been especially expending our energies on seeking to help and serve the following:

- Local-born Chinese who have grown up in this country and so prefer to communicate in English, but may or may not have links within the Mandarin and Cantonese cultures that their parents have grown up in.
- Families of or with Chinese links within the Merseyside area.
- Students with an Asian (especially of Chinese origin), but prefer to use English to communicate.
- Our desire is also to be of assistance in helping the other congregations reach out to their target groups whenever we can be of assistance, which means providing programmes and events for the children and youth of the other congregations.

In September and October we held events to help settle in new students, including attending the Freshers' Fare at Liverpool University and working alongside the Christian Union to help new International students settle into UK.

We hosted a team from HK who helped us to contact more international students and held special welcome meetings for them at our church. To help students adjust better to UK and the English language, we held English conversation classes every Wednesday for 2 hours for the International students. This went well for the first term, but once the pressure of exams came in January numbers went down, nevertheless we were able to bless members of the Cantonese Congregation whose English needed improving with classes as well during this time.

On Saturday afternoons throughout the whole year we opened up the church for all who were interested in learning how to play or improve their skills in guitar, piano, bass and drums. A choir was also held each Saturday at the same time along with some music theory classes and training in singing in parts. This later also became the time when we were able to train up music teams to practise and assist in Sunday worship.

Every Friday we held what we call 'Friday Fellowship' providing Chinese food for overseas and local students with opportunities to get to know each other and have fellowship. The programme includes games, or ice-breakers, talks and discussions and social activities and has proved to be both popular and beneficial to all who come.

For the Christian students who were serious about their faith we held Bible Studies every Wednesday evening, sometimes accompanied by a meal, pausing only during times of exams and the summer holiday.

During the year we held various small group meetings to support each other in all aspects of life, spiritual and family and social. Once every two months we had a "Parenting Teenagers" class, which was well received by all who took part. This will continue on an informal basis every three months over the next year.

At Christmas we held a special event in the church for the occasion and opened our home to international students to experience a "British-style Christmas". That Christmas was also special in that we took part in the Guinness Book of records Carol Service on 18th December. We broke the record for the number of people singing the same Carols concurrently at the same time.

In January we had a joint Chinese New Year Programme with the Mandarin Congregation which proved very successful and drew in many outsiders during the afternoon.

In March we worked together with the Liverpool University Christian Union to hold a week of evening meetings to introduce international students to Christianity and on March the 17 we hosted an event for the local churches to train people up in how to be a friend to internationals staying in the city, "World on your Doorstep" was well-received by churches around the North.

During Easter many of our young people went away to the NEE Conference and came back encouraged to improve in their spiritual walk with God.

In June we held a welcome for the international students coming to John Moore's University for the summer programme. We made friends with them and some came regularly to our church especially participating in the Friday, Saturday and Sunday events.

In July we held a Children's Summer Club for one week open to all primary school children in Liverpool, but especially the church members' children and the local neighbourhood children. Then finally in August, we took our young people away for an adventure weekend with a spiritual theme.

For the third year in a row we participated in the Year Of Prayer, when Merseyside churches work together to make sure that there is continuous prayer throughout the year for Merseyside and our nation.

Future Direction and Strategy

Our vision is unchanged, we believe that we should still be a church where everyone is working together to help each other know God better; aiming to have all who come to our church either become disciples of Christ or become better disciples of Christ.

To facilitate our vision this year I'd like to see an emphasis on discipleship, whether that be doing things that help newcomers come to know Jesus, or encouraging each other to walk closer with God. A disciple is someone who follows Jesus and obeys His commands, so we'll encourage Bible studies that emphasise on how we will put what we have learnt into practice and be accountable to one another to do it.

If we are going to obey God's commands we need to know what His word says, so another part of our strategy will be to be better disciples will be to memorise Bible verses together.

I still believe we should be doing things that will impact the area we live. Our church is in a very needy part of the city and we have only made small inroads into this so far. I think that one way of doing this may be to work with people who are already relating to our local society and so see LCG Church becoming a place where local people feel at home, feel that their needs are met and have a place to be nurtured spiritually.

Our Friday Fellowship has developed well over this last year and now led by a committee of three, Rebecca Fong, Kenny Cheung, and Susan Wong, with Stephen Chan, Sook Seiboth and Pastor David overseeing, unfortunately we will see less of Rebecca as she is going to spend a year in Bible College. Pray for her that she will be refreshed and ready to serve God in even greater ways when she gets back. It has been a great privilege to be able to have a three-month sabbatical this year and very encouraging to see duties that I do being taken on by others, particularly the preaching and teaching side of the ministry. We must continue to encourage the development of speakers and teachers within our congregation and I am presently looking into a programme that I hope will help develop our leadership even further. Thank you to Kai and Yvette, Sook, Stephen, Becky, Wailan and Janet and Mawjoo for all the hard work you all did in teaching or preaching in the main over the last few months.

As we indicated last year, we have started to develop small teams that are would be able to concentrate on specific areas and use their spiritual gifts to minister to their target group. The Friday Fellowship is an example of this and so too is the hard work seen in the worship ministry, first by William Yuen and followed up by Kenny Cheung.

We will continue to use our present training courses for the different needs of the church, for example, Christianity Explored, Discipleship Explored, and the other courses we have run this year to build up understanding and faith amongst our members and also equip members to serve better.

Naturally we will also look out for new materials that might help each of us to be taught, rebuked, corrected, trained in righteousness and be thoroughly equipped for every good work. I am presently looking at some material that may be helpful for parents with young children.

This Christmas we are looking to do something special with plays and so I am looking for volunteers to do a skit for Christmas Eve, when Adrian Chan will also be producing something with the youth group.

Next summer we are due to have a retreat for the whole English Congregation, in the August bank holiday so that we can get away with the youth and do something with them as well. Two years ago we did something similar and all benefitted from it.

Many thanks to all of you in LCGC that have helped, encouraged, prayed and supported the work we do, may God bless you and your service in the Lord to glorify Him at LCGC. Amen.

Liverpool Chinese Gospel Church Mandarin Congregation Report to the AGM 2012 利物浦华人福音教会 2012 年年度会员大会国语堂报告—邓永望传道 By Daniel Deng, Wednesday 12 th September 2012@LCGC	
Team 团队	Pastor David Seiboth, Solomon Ho, Jessica Cheng, Andrew Tian, Jasmine Lim, Sook Seiboth, Mrs. Lee, Haojing Zheng, Daniel Deng 徐牧师，何海明，郑雅文，田翼铭，林恩柔，郑好金，徐师母，李太，邓永望，
-Vision 异像	Outreach and make Mandarin Speaking people in Merseyside followers of Christ 向梅西郡记周边讲普通话的华人传福音，使他们成为耶稣基督的跟随者
Review 回顾与评估	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apart from ministry on Sunday Services, Shenzhou Fellowship and Friday evening Student Fellowship meetings, MC aimed to improve pastoral care and training programs and has been running one Adult Sunday school, four regional house groups.除了主日崇拜，神州团契，周五学生团契等常规活动以外，国语堂开展了成人主日学，区域性家庭小组。 • In evangelism. Autumn Outreach (With the help from Hong Kong YanFook church) in 2011, Summer outreach and student welcome in June 2011, and regular evangelistic means such as Student Fellowship meeting, Sunday Services, we have been reaching out to a considerable number of people. It has been a year of good harvest. There are a good number of people have come to faith, 12 have been baptized.在传福音方面，2011 年的秋季宣教（由香港恩福堂宣教支持），圣诞节的福音外展和 2012 年的夏季福音周，以及本教会常规的周五学生团契，和常规的主日崇拜，我们向较大的群体传福音，全年有多人信主，12 人受洗， • We have witnessed the growth in the Mandarin Children Sunday school. With the increasing needs of Children ministry, MC is seeking to add at least one more Children Sunday school (Above 6 age group) in the near future. We plan to start Children worship later this year. 国语堂在去年一年见证了儿童主日学的成长。随着儿童人数的增加，国语堂需要开始筹备更多的儿童主日学班。预期尝试在下半年开始儿童敬拜。 • There has been a decline in number of attendance in last year, the main reason is that many regular and irregular attendees have left and returned to China. Since Solomon has become more involved in Church overall leadership and one other key member in the leadership left the fellowship, Haojing and Lanying are raised up to serve in this ministry. Due to the restricted resources, this ministry is currently serving those who come to our church with fellowship and basic Bible teaching, there is still much room for outreaching and discipleship. 神州团契去年的平均参与人数有较大的减少，主要原因是有一部分的老乡回国。在 AS 事工（主要服务寻求庇护者）团队中，由于负责人海明弟兄更多参与教会的领袖事务，另一个核心成员离开，团队在老乡中兴起了好金和郑兰英姐妹等参与负责。由于资源的不足和人员流动性非常大等因素，目前这一事工只能服务来到教会的人，在福音外展和门徒栽培方面有待改善。

	<p>In the past two years, there are more than 30 families/individuals have been given legal leave to remain, most of them have children and are likely to be stable, the team is seeking to have strategic changes to cater this change. 在过去两年中，有超过 30 个家庭或个体获得合法居留权，因此，教会和团契的同工团队需要做出战略性调整，以适应这一改变。</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ST Ministry team has put great effort in outreaching and making disciples, running Friday evening fellowship meetings and mid week discipleship trainings and organizing members to attend three annual Christian camps, through which some have come to faith and some Christians grow significantly in spiritual life. Due to the nature of student ministry, attendance of fellowship meeting and Sunday service normally changes 90+% annually, the team is running with quite limited manpower and resources. With more than 2000 mandarin speaking students coming to this city this year, this team faces a big challenge to carry out the mission of sharing the Gospel and doing proper pastoral care. 过去一年，学生事工团队在传福音和门徒栽培方面付出很大的努力，除了常规的周五团契外，还在今年出开办了周间的门徒性查经班，参加了三个基督教营会，在学生中开展了同路人小组，定期开展社区型活动以建造团队和传福音。过去一年不少人得着救恩，也有不少基督徒的生命得到恨到的长进。由于学生事工的性质，每年团契和主日崇拜有超过九成的人员流动，这样团队在很有限的人力物力资源服侍很大的群体。面对每年超过 2000 个讲普通话的学生来到利物浦，团队面对不小的挑战，求神带领教会在如何更好得传福音和开展相应的牧养关怀作出合神心意的策略。 • SF Ministry (Ministry to settled families). MC started a strategic move to put considerable resource to start this ministry. After running for one year, MC is now running four regional house groups, reaching out and shepherding around 40 people. SF 事工（主要服务当地定居人士）：国语堂开展了一个策略性的调整，用较多的资源开始了家庭小组。经过一年的努力，堂会现已开展了四个积极有效的家庭小组，服务到约 40 人。
<p>Vision-异像</p>	<p>My vision for the year 2013 and beyond is to see more disciples growing in faith and the church blessing the community with the Love of God, through which</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reaching out to bigger number of Chinese community with the Gospel and love of Christ, • Build up and strengthen more regional house groups to edify members and to outreach to the community • Launch Obedience-based Disciple Making movement, which help members to grow in faith and live out the Kingdom values <p>我期待堂会在 2013 年和可预知的未来带领堂会建造门徒，祝福社区，使</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 向华人社区更大的群体传福音， • 通过区域性家庭小组建造现有成员并用福音辐射社区

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 开展以顺服为中心的门徒造就活动，帮助信徒信心成长,活出天国价值观 <p><u>the expected outcome in the foreseeable future:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a healthier congregation with more stability and commitment, more ready and effective in bringing the Gospel to challenge and renew lives Form an effective team of SF Ministry serving settled families with some regional effective house groups, each serving up to 12 people or maximum 6 families. Aim to build at least one house group in each of the most populated areas in Liverpool. Aim to build 10-15 house groups by 2015 <p>预期效果</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 堂会更加健康——成员更加稳定，更委身 会友更愿意更有效的用主耶稣的福音挑战及更新更多的生命 培养组建一个家庭事工团队，以在团契，教导，关怀和传福音等方面综合牧养定居人士，期待在大部分将普通话的华人密集区建造至少一个家庭小组。每组服务到不超过 12 个人或 6 个家庭。 到 2015 年，计划建造 10 到 15 个积极有效的家庭小组
<p>Strategy 策略</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme of the year 2013: Making disciples, Blessing the community, a thematic series of sermons based on ‘hear and obey’ <p>2013 年的年度主题为: 建造门徒，祝福社区, 全年增加以 ‘听道行道’ 为主题的证道系列</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen and extend the current training programs, accompanied by the Obedience-based Bible Study throughout the year <p>加强并拓展现有的培训体系和开展以顺服为基础的查经活动</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue one-on-one mentoring scheme to serve new believers and train up potential ‘leaders’. <p>加强一对一的栽培跟进计划，栽培新信徒和培养二线的领袖和栽培员。</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen current four house groups and by late 2012, and aim to build two to three more house groups, <p>加强现有的四个家庭小组，拟筹备增加建造两至三个家庭小组</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team up with Manchester Chinese Church, start a fortnightly Bible study group in Bangor. <p>与曼城教会联合在班歌开展两周一次的查经班</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start a Mandarin Chinese School <p>起动普通话中文学校事工</p>

Development 发展	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aim to build more committed, united co-workers' team through: 建立一个合一的同工团队 2. Aim to build more God-centered, lively worship service through: 建立一个以神为中心的活泼的敬拜 3. Work alongside some mission organizations such as OMF or COCM to run an effective 'Returnee training program' 与一些宣教机构如 OMF 或 COCM 一起，开展积极有效的‘海归培训计划’ 4. Start with 'Children worship' later this academic year, and aim to build a 'Children's Church' by 2015 在下半年开始‘儿童敬拜’，预计在 2015 年开始‘儿童教会’
AOB 其他	

LCGC Cantonese Congregation Report for AGM 2012 (by Jonathan Wan)

1. Sunday School
We have taught ‘Christian Ethics’, ‘Basic Doctrine’, ‘Evangelism – road to Rome’ in last two seasons. The Study of the book of Romans is in progress.
2. Sunday Worship
The topic is presented in a ‘series’. The first Series this year is ‘The 5 offerings in the Old Testament’, then we were doing the series of ‘The Sermon on the Mount’. ‘The 7 festivals and Christian belief’ is in progress.
3. Gathering
We had an outing to Sefton Park on the 4th of June, with 40 persons attending the activity.
4. Training Ministry
 - a. 30-31 March, Rev Daniel Lai conducted 2 special talks for us. The topic was ‘The Gospel needs of Chinese in Africa’.
 - b. 1 April, The General Secretary of Jireh Fund – Mrs Chan, conducted ‘Prayer Training’ for us.
 - c. 13-15 April, a retired Pastor from the USA – Rev Willy Liu, conducted a talk on Christian Character.
5. Outreach
 - a. 2-4 April, we hosted the NEEC (Cantonese) programme this year.
 - b. 18-21 June, together with the Chinese Christian Restaurant Evangelism Fellowship – North England, we held a local mission called ‘Sweep Liverpool’, where we visited 49 take-away shops and restaurants over a 3 day period.

LCGC AGM 2012 Report for Cantonese Congregation (by Judy Cheung)

I thank the Lord for his peace and encouragement so that I could spread the gospel, serve our church and care for the need of brothers and sisters in the last six months among the ups and downs.

Monday Bible Study Group

We have finished a series of bible studies on the role of women. We also learned to be used by God by studying the book of Esther. We start the book on “The Purpose Driven Life” afterwards.

Tuesday Happy Fellowship

Our elderly members have built good relationships through fellowship activities and sharing. Since there are more than 20 of us, we have worship together and then divide into two groups for bible study.

Regular members are led by deacon, Tommy Kwan to study the Gospel of John. Judy takes care of newcomers to study “The Life of Jesus”. Edward and his wife, Esther, help with the worship and other activities. During the last six months, we visited the museum located in Albert Dock, the Lake District and Paris. We paid a visit to the Chinese Baptist Church in Paris as well. In addition, there is an overseas student teaching our members to sing gospel opera songs. We will edit our fellowship hymn book which contains prayers and hymns. We will add Gospel physical exercise. We hope that their health can be benefitted by physical activities in addition to getting to know God.

Friday Student Fellowship

We thank God that Esther Law from English congregation cooked our fellowship meals for one year. We will try to do it ourselves this academic year. We have studied the bible following the materials from these two books, namely 【價值觀重整之旅】. In the new term, besides Henry and Yeung, we got 3 members in the committee. We would like to study direct from God’s word and find their own answers, we call this a ‘discovery method’ which I learnt from minister Andy Ovens. Also we have a bible study group at the student’s accommodation once a week in the evening.

Saturday Chinese Class

We thank God that there are three student helpers. Our aim is to encourage pupils to know Jesus and communicate with their parents through teaching Chinese. We had a go at making pottery with parents last year. We also thank our deaconess, Maw Joo, who helped us with Children activities for Parents Day.

Bible Study for Couples

There have been irregular bible studies at night for two couples due to their work hours so that they can strengthen their relationship and grow together spiritually. We used these Chinese books for reference, 【價值觀從整之旅】，【愛之語】，【談心說理夫妻情】 and 【母親的祝福】.

Lastly, our Mandarin pastoral worker, Daniel, will be on sabbatical leave. I have joined his two home groups and one bible study to prepare myself to help out when he is away.

Friday Fellowship Report (for LCGC AGM 2012)

(written by Kenneth Cheung)

Steering group: Susan Wong, Kenneth Cheung & Rebecca Fong. The steering group has no particular assigned head leader but responsibilities are shared. Rebecca will be leaving the steering group from October 2012.

FF Support Team: TBC

Friday Fellowship exists for all adults who are comfortable using English and want to explore the Christian faith by being able to ask their questions and explore the answers together centred upon the bible. The aim is to make time for fellowship in LCGC to form accountable relationships to understand God’s Word but more importantly to continue to work it out in our lives, with the prayer and support of fellow believers, inside and outside of the church walls. Friday Fellowship should not be a burden, chore or heavy load to anyone individual as we’re all busy. We aim to nurture an environment where people can be real and not judged, feel refreshed and have some fun. We hope that the fellowship will run deep and is Christ-centred.

General Evening’s Format:

- 6:00 - Set up and Pray
- 6:30 - Fellowship Meal
- 7:30 - FF program starts
- 9:30 - FF program ends
- 10:00- Pack up
- 10:30- Leave Church

Fridays when Sook’s cooking:

- 4:30 – 2 people (prep food/set up/serve)
- 6:30 – Fellowship Meal
- 7:15 – FF Wash Dishes
- 8:00 – FF program starts
- 10:00 - FF program finishes & Pack up
- 10:30– Leave Church

FF Program Format Guidelines:

- 15 min - Last Friday’s Challenge Groups /Game / Sunday’s Talk Sharing
- 5 min - Sofa Sharing (get to know/funny quick fire Q’s/prep Q’s/story/prayer)
- 5 min - Family News (announcements/birthdays)
- 20 min – Worship /Creative
- 45 min – Main Session (emcee of evening)
- 30 min – Small Group Discussions & Prayer/Ministry

7 th September	Team building games	Kenny
14 th September	Drama – A story from the bible	Susan
21 st September	DISC – Personality test	Becky
28 th September	Preparation Day for student Welcome	Everyone
5 th October	Students Welcome	
12 th October	Knowing each other - Cards Dealt	Kenny
19 th October	Beginning life together course	Stephen
26 th October	Halloween Talk	Pastor David
2 nd November	Beginning life	Susan

9 th November	Beginning Life	Adrian
16 th November	Beginning Life	Kenny
23 rd November	TBA	TBA
30 th November	Social	

Learning material

We will be starting using a learning material ‘ Beginning Life together’ which is part of the purpose driven life series.

Other possible future events

5th Nov Bonfire Night (Sefton Park)

ROLE of EMCEE (also in charge of main program):

- Overall decide the running of the night –with any input from other leaders.
- Allocate/ensure group facilitators to each group
- Use microphone
- Ensure that others have prepared their part rota’d beforehand or improvise!
- responsible for layout of the room

FF FEEDBACK since September 2011-2012

The previous year has been well received. A friendly atmosphere has been created where people can feel welcomed to join in and bring friends along to. The structure is laid back and non-intensive allowing people to relax and talk about God at the same time.

The past year has given us a lot to learn from in order for us to improve. A few things include:

- Placing members in to set group for each term to encourage closer bonding and sharing.
- Encourage members to stand up and lead and to serve not just in church, but outside church.

Many of the years 2011-12 material and format has been successful and can be re-used and repeated for the current year.

CELL GROUPS/bible study

We aim to meet up with the cell groups outside of FF. A small task would need to be completed that has some constructive aim to it and the rest is up to the group.

A bible study is also set up on Wednesdays where people who are looking forward to bible study can join.

Youth LCGC AGM 2012 Report (Sept 2011- Sep 2012)

Written by Rebecca Fong

<p>The Team</p>	<p><u>The Present Team</u> Overseers- Pastor David Seiboth, Youth Leader- Rebecca Fong Fire Marshall –Nicholas Johnson Deputy Fire Marshall- Susan Wong Main Team- William Truong, Adrian Chan, Susan Wong, Thomas Liu, John Luk. Helper- Margaret Tyau Youth Group-approx. 20 people</p> <p><u>Additional Team Part-time Helpers</u> During the academic holidays particularly over the summer-time some previous youth leaders returned to help serve. i.e. Ivan Chee, Hill Chan, Guan-wei Tsang, Mona Chee & Victor Truong.</p> <p><u>Some Roles Defined:</u> Main Team- Have more weekly responsibilities in serving such as worship leading, P.A., facilitate group discussions and give a short message that is overseen by Rebecca. Pastor David will oversee the content of the message when Rebecca is not available.</p>
<p>Vision</p>	<p>That the youths would fellowship more outside of normal church activities and hold long-lasting Christian friendships that will encourage them in their faith post youth group. The youths will be unashamed of their faith and well equipped to share with their friends and family. The youths will feel comfortable that the youth group will be a great place to invite their peers to.</p>
<p>Goals</p>	<p><u>Sept 2011- Apr 2012 Assurance of God</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The aim is to help the young people be assured in their faith using <i>MEMORIZE THIS BY TMS 3.0</i>. This is a topical memory verse system revised for students. Each topic has four verses to memorize to be assured in God's love, Jesus, forgiveness, strength, prayer, eternal life and guidance. Each week we will learn the memory verses and base the session around that verse. This will be done in a fun, team building way with nice creative rewards at the end of every month. This year we are forming set groups due to the growth in numbers, taking the form of challenge/games groups and discussion groups. <p><u>May 2012 onwards</u></p> <p>IMMEDIATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To encourage the young people to commit to prayer, care for, invite others to come to youth group with them and be able to share their faith when the opportunity arises. We will use YFC material <i>The Art of Connecting</i>- 8 week series on evangelism. <p>2 MONTHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The youths will be given the opportunity to serve and contribute in service before the summer in order to prepare for a possible summer retreat and for possible growth in the summer onwards.

	<p>3 MONTHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The summer youth group sessions will be more friend friendly and possibly hold extra social activities i.e. day outings/guitar & music sessions, given there are enough leaders to facilitate. • Encourage the older youths to assist the Kids Summer Club in August 2012. • For the youths to feel connected with the wider church of LCGC by inviting guests to share testimony/sofa interview. • We will re-evaluate after the summer/retreat the goals after that. <p>8 MONTHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We aim by the end of 2012 that the youths would have developed good spiritual habits reading the bible, prayer, tithing and journaling. <p>LONG TERM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The youths will invite friends to NEEC 2013 who have been attending youth group • 2-3 years time some youths will be assisting small group discussions in youth group then at NEEC. • To take part in a short-term mission outreach.
<p>Review</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of the regular and special events <p><u>Program Sept 2011- Apr 2012 Assurance of God</u> The first 15 minutes of youth group was given to refresh on the memory verse of the week before being tested for team points to be awarded. Even if some youths hadn't spent time learning the verse it gave them a short opportunity to rehearse the words and take it in. The youths have a good idea of some of the key promises of the bible now and sometimes spontaneously quote a verse! A couple of youths did exceptionally well to learn a lot of the verses.</p> <p><u>Easter Youth Retreat NEEC 2012 Arms Wide Open</u> Most of the youth group attended this year, being the largest amount for this batch of young people. The speaker Hannah Adkins from the Audacious church, Manchester was spot on with the message. One comment from a smiley youth was that he now knew the Holy Spirit lived within him. The team of young adults serving were exceptionally focussed and diligent. William Truong, Thomas Liu, Ivan Chee, Eugene Wong and Victor Truong helped out in various capacities.</p> <p><u>Program May – Sept 2012</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The Evangelism Course</u>-The best thing that came from running <i>The Art of Connecting</i> series was the youths could think about their own story and have an opportunity to put it to paper and share it with others within the group. One young person bravely shared her story at the yNEEC Big Reunion which was very encouraging. The youths were encouraged to commit to pray for their friends and invite their friends to yNEEC or youth. Despite no response to the invitations the youths did well to invite their peers. • <u>Opportunities to serve</u>-The youth group have been trained to set-up the P.A. system, given opportunities to be in charge to lead the ice-breaker game and a few have been involved on the worship team, playing instruments, introducing a song or sharing a prayer. • <u>Summer Music Lessons</u>- Over the school summer holidays several young people attended the music lessons every Tuesday 4-6pm. Two youths returned after a short break from coming and we had two new youths attend. The youths were given basic guitar and drumming lessons, tutored by Guan-wei, Will and Rebecca. Come to the last session the young people

were able to play well together as a group, taking turns on various instruments or using the microphone to sing. The youths will be encouraged to help the worship team each Sunday.

- Summer Kids Club – Several of the young people assisted this year.
- Developing in fellowship and friendship - A youth invited the group to the cinema to celebrate his birthday. The youths and leaders regularly post comments and dialogue on the Lookup FB page. After youth group a few more youths tend to stay in the youth room a bit longer to socialize sometimes staying till 6pm. Once during the summer after youth group some of the youths joined the leaders to Dim-Sum. The Big Reunion long train journey was a lovely time mingling with the young people. With the young people being a bit older and given more freedom, it is nice to be able to spend more time with them outside of the normal Sunday service.

Summer Retreat 2012

This year's retreat was very different to our usual ones in the past. The purpose of retreat was to develop stronger friendships, to help the people entering youth group to bond well with the group, invite their friends, confidence and team build. It was a nice change for all the good work done over the years. 24 people went to the Christian Mountain Centre in North Wales. 11 adults from church went (including Colin Chee, Eugene Wong, Hill Chan, Ivan Chee and Mona Chee) and amongst the youths 2 newer faces joined. One of which has continued to join youth group so far.

The team have decided it would be good to go again in the future and mix up the adventure activities with more teaching and ministry time. However nothing has yet been fixed for next year.

The NEEC Big Reunion 13th August 2012

There was a one day gathering at Leeds Chinese Christian Church. Will Troung co-ordinated the transport for Liverpool and the Wirral. The yNEEC leaders have been remaining in contact with their groups since Easter, so it was encouraging to reflect on how the youths had been getting on since then.

Wirral Baptism 2nd Sept '12

The youth group went to visit The Wirral Christian Chinese Church to witness some of the youths from the Wirral getting baptized. Hopefully this will help them to make that personal choice for themselves one day too. The youths will go through the Survival Kit course which is suitable teaching before any of the youths choose to get baptised next year.

• **The outcome of any previous vision**

Most of the goals have been achieved to some extent a part from introducing other church leaders and members to the youths during the youth service.

The summer youth retreat didn't attract as many new faces as hoped for even when offered financial assistance. The reasons are unclear.

• **What progress took place**

Some of the youths maintain a regular devotional time. Parents have given feedback to the positive changes and have shown their verbal appreciation and by allowing their youths to join the extra activities. The youths are more confident, vocal and expressive, willing to help serve, keen for communal worship and enjoy the fellowship. One young person's parents - who lives in our community invited Rebecca to *yam-cha* as way of saying thank you for allowing their child to spend time in the church where they know she is safe.

	<p>This year some of the Sunday school young people have been attending the youth for first 45 minutes for the game and worship. One of them loved to help with the P.A., another was unafraid to stand at the front of the group during worship. Most of them surprisingly seemed comfortable with the youths.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific challenges The young people who don't come from a Christian background often can't attend due to having to attend the Wah-Sing Chinese School. Two young people fit this category this academic year. However they have expressed that they can come after 1:30pm to join for the small group discussion time. The mandarin prayer group wish to specifically meet once a month in the youth room at 4pm to pray. The youths will need to leave the church by then for difficulties in supervision. The leaders are aware that the youths need to be vacated from the building if none of the leaders can supervise and are not allowed to hang about in the rooms upstairs.
Vision of the future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direction that the ministry is expected to take in the next year From October 2012 onwards, Rebecca is at Bible College for the academic year. The program has been planned up to Easter 2013. The program is based on material the leaders are familiar with and found useful when they were youths i.e. Survival Kit, Nooma DVD's. From the end of November onwards the youth will be involved producing a Christmas play to invite their friends and family to. Exact details will be arranged via Adrian Chan. Another planning meeting will take place during the Easter holidays after the North England Easter Conference (NEEC). William Truong will co-ordinate the program as he has been doing for the past half year to keep things running as normal. Rebecca will make regular phone calls to William during her time away for updates. • Thinking further than ahead in a 3, 5 or 10 year plan After Rebecca's year away to study Theology she would like to return to serve in LCGC. With the future plan to continue in her studies part-time from September 2013 and hopefully work alongside this to fund this. The level of commitment to serve will clearly not be in the same capacity. For now nothing should be assumed at this stage as to the direction or level of service given after July 2013. Please pray for the direction of the youth group and the existing leaders for the coming year ahead.
Personnel development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any forthcoming study, training or equipping for ministry development in the pipeline for members of the team We as a church are grateful to the youth leadership team. They year after year attend yNEEC so I am very conscious that they are still serving. I would like to propose that the church would consider to largely subsidise training retreat for the main team to attend SOULNET for youth workers organised by Soul Survivor 1-3rd in February 2012. Costing £125.00 per person excl. transport. This will provide good training, perspective and encouragement as they meet with other youth workers, time to reflect on their own journey and time for the team to plan ahead. For more info see www.soulsurvivor.com

Junior Church Report for 2011/12 (by Maw Joo Yeo)**The Team**

There are currently Sunday School Classes at the following times (10am to 11.15am, 12 noon to 1.30pm and 2pm to 3.30pm, to coincide with the 3 separate service times for English, Cantonese and Mandarin services.

During the time period covered by this report, there were 17 teachers and 4 helpers. There are 5 Sunday School Classes serving children from age of 4+ (Reception age) to 12 years, except in the 2pm Sunday School where the age range is between 3+ to 10 years. There are currently around 30 children who attend regularly.

10am Sunday School:

Teachers – Fiona Liu, Janet Dyu, Maw Joo Yeo

12 noon Sunday School:

Splash (ages 4+ to 7) – Teachers: Amy Chan, Julie Lo, Stephanie Tam (till July 2012) and Kas Davis

Xstream (ages 8 to 10) – teachers: Yvonne Lim, Joe Tam and Daniel Yeo

GRID (ages 11 to 13) – teachers: Adrian Chan, Lorraine Chow (till April 2012), Stephanie Tam (from Sept 2012) and Thomas Liu

2pm Sunday School:

Teachers – Jing Liu (Deng), Daniel Deng, Jessica Huang and Grace He

Summary of Previous Vision

Our vision in the previous year's report was: To continue to collaborate with the Chinese School and Youth Group and to reach out to the children from the Chinese community and the local community; To provide a suitable transition programme for children reaching secondary school age (11 year olds) attending the 10am Sunday School; To increase the number of classes and teachers in the 2pm Sunday School as the number of children attending the Mandarin congregation has been on the increase with a wider age range of children over time.

The above were partially achieved, see below.

Review of last 12 months

The Children's Summer Club was held on the 6th to 10th August 2012. 34 children took part in this event. The programme was run with the help of 4 group leaders and 16 full-time and part-time helpers. This event was led by Ian & Elaine Coules, from Kids-Inc.

Outreach to Chinese School –we ran an outreach programme at the Chinese school on the 4th February 2012. This programme was held during the Parents' day of the Chinese school.

In the last 12 months we also had to consider the best way of preparing a transition programme for the children reaching secondary school age (11-12 year olds), who were attending 10am Sunday School. These young people found it difficult to stay for the afternoon transition GRID class at 12 noon. One of them has now started joining Youth group, and had also joined the Youth group retreat in the summer. All three of them started to join the adult service in the morning this month. Three young people from the young people from the 12 noon Sunday School also moved up to Youth group last Easter.

Vision and Strategy

Our vision is to continue to collaborate with the Chinese School and Youth Group to reach out to the children from the Chinese community and the local community. We hope to continue running the Children's Summer Club next year and other outreach programmes.

We continue to commit to prayer our efforts of increasing the number of classes and teachers in the 2pm Sunday School.

Personnel Development

Sunday School teachers' training day was held on the 29th October 2011 at LCGC. 15 teachers and helpers attended. This in-house training was organised with the aim of providing workshops for improving teaching skills, brainstorming ideas and problem-solving. The next training is likely to be around February next year.