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Worship Order

Prelude

Call to Worship – Isaiah 6:3 And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

> Songs of Praise Corporate Prayer The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading – 2 Timothy 4:1-5; Revelation 20:11-15; 22:6-21 Sermon – "From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead"

Response Song

Offertory Prayer Welcome & Family News

Monthly Bible Verse – Hebrews 2:3b-4

This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Doxology & Benediction Postlude

| Speaker: Praise Team: Pianist: Welcome Team: | Pastor Lawrence Choy Marianna Yu & Fri Team Sarah Chow Imelda Choi, Beatrice Wong, Aliene Almondiente | Chairperson: Scripture Reader: PowerPoint: | Joseph Trinh Dawn Yiu David Yeung |
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| Offering Counter: | Kent Ang, Vincy Ng | | |
| Sound System: | Amanda Chan, Bono Lee, Clarence | Fok | |

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Streamline to Deepen

By Rev Wayne Cheung

In 2020 when Senior Pastor Rev. Arnold Chow set down the new Five-Year Plan for the NPAC family, one of the key objectives was "To streamline and regroup in order to strengthen." In practice in the past few years, thanks be to God that He has led the church in obvious enhancement and streamlining. These enable the ministries to proceed in better collaboration with the actual pastoral situation of pastors and leaders.

One noteworthy point is that the nurturing ministries have come under one roof of the Equip Department. In the past, nurturing (courses for new believers, Christian Education, Discipleship and Leadership Training) was conducted in different ministries and departments. This is an inevitable and natural development in the history of the church given that appropriate nurturing is closely related to the believers' needs at various stages of faith. Nevertheless, as the ministries develop, overlapping in structure occurs, nurturing initiatives are similar, and ministries vie for manpower resources. Therefore, there is a genuine need for nurturing ministries to be integrated and regrouped to reduce administrative hurdles, enhance the coordination of meetings and facilitate execution by pastors and leaders.

Having said that, streamlining in the re-organization of ministries does not mean starting everything anew. On the contrary, it means preserving good traditions and passing them on after thorough communication, deliberation and evaluation on effectiveness. On the other hand, we need to add innovative elements to aptly respond to the spiritual needs of contemporary believers and help them tackle the challenge of drastic changes. Over the past two years, the Equip Department has enhanced Discipleship materials, simplified and improved the enrolment and operation of Sunday School, and renewed the teaching materials for new believers and related packages to better meet the nurturing and pastoral needs of believers.

Meanwhile, streamlining of ministries needs to fit into the digital world to suit the social environment at large. Take the system for enrolment and the learning platform of the Equip Department of the NPAC family as an example. From the planning, implementation, testing and promotion of the platform last year to the availability of more and more online resources now, the underlying principle and main consideration for every phase is user-friendliness. Streamlined ministries will not only be beneficial for users. It will also give co-workers more room to juggle priorities, simplify procedures, and spare manpower resources for the effective deployment of administrative resources.

In the streamlining process, pastoral staff and department leaders concerned had more pragmatic communication. An estimate was made on needs based on which various Special Duty Units were formed. They were intended to facilitate exchange of ideas and development of ministry, facilitating the flexibility and effectiveness in its scope and depth.

It is well-said in the Bible that "*If it is to lead, do it diligently*" (Romans 12:8). With the end of all things drawing near, the Christian community should all the more be alert and of sober mind and "*use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms*" (1 Peter 4:7-10). The above is the shared hope of the NPAC family. May the church in the new horizons in which it finds itself enhance its administrative practices, revitalize ministry effectiveness and reach for a greater depth of pastoring needs.

Read the article online: https://npacem.org/ps20220626/

Family News

1. Regular meetings

Jul 1 Off

- a. Gatekeepers (secondary school): Fri, 7:30-9:15pm, Rm 219
 - <u>8</u> Bible Study: New Cloth on Old Garment
- <u>15</u> Topical: Body Image <u>22, 23</u> Summer Camp "Kingdom First"
- b. **Peacemakers** (uni students & above): Fri, 8-9:45pm, Rms 217-8
 - <u>Jul 1</u> Off <u>Jul 8</u> Bible Study Jeremiah
- c. **Tentmakers** (young working adults): 2nd & 4th Sat, 5-6:45pm, Rms 217-8 Jul 9 Topical Jul 23 Bible Study: Joshua
- d. Joint Adult Fellowship:
 - Sharing your faith 1, on Sun Jul 10, 1:30-3pm, Rms 217-218; Children's Room: Rm 219
- e. Women's Fellowship: OT Character (7 & 8); Sun Jun 26 (TODAY), 1:30-3:15pm, Rm 215
- f. **Couples Fellowship**: Book Study: Shepherding a Child's Heart Chs. 18-19; <u>Sun Jun 26</u> (TODAY), 1:30-3pm, Rms 217-218; Children's Room: Rm 219
- g. EM Prayer Meeting: Every Sun morning, 8:30-9am, Rm 204
- h. Sunday School (Children, youth and adults): Sun from 9:15-10:20am
- i. Children's Program: For children aged 3-10 during English worship service
 - CP2: Rm 219, CP3: Rm 211
- 2. Other meetings
 - a. Sunday School Teachers (Primary & Youth) Monthly Prayer Meeting: After worship service on <u>Sun Jul 10</u>
- Sermon theme (Jul-Sep): "Put hope in God: Psalms of the sons of Korah". NPAC in 2022: "Reconnecting and Giving Thanks". NPAC overall theme for 2021-2030: A decade of NPAC worshipers.
- EM 18th Baptismal Service: Jason Choi and Timothy Ng will receive baptism on <u>Sun Jul 3</u> (Next Sun), 12noon-1pm at Education Centre worship hall! You are all invited! For details, <u>click here</u>.
- 5. EM Youth Summer Camp "Kingdom First": Join us at the 2 days 0 night summer day camp at church. All youth (secondary school students & those starting secondary school in Aug/Sept 2022) are welcome! *Dates*: Fri Jul 22; Sat Jul 23 *Program*: Praise, devotion, Bible study, topical, prayers, games, crafts, etc.) *To apply*: Click here for registration by Fri Jul 8. *Enquiries*: em_youth@npac.org.hk
- 6. EM Sunday School (2022-23) opens for registration! For international school students aged 5 or above (as of Aug 2022). Current students: Return completed registration form emailed to parents by <u>Sun Jul 3</u>. New students: Obtain the form by <u>email</u> or from the info. rack from <u>Sun Jul 3</u> onwards. Return the completed form by <u>Sun Jul 24</u>:
 - a. By email to em@npac.org.hk
 - b. By hand to the church's reception (Main Church, Truth Centre, Education Centre)
 - c. By mail to North Point Alliance Church (English Ministry), 1/F Fortress Metro Tower, 238 King's Road, North Point, HK

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English Worship Service

7. June's NPAC Newsletter (in Chinese) is published. We have collected many articles from brothers and sisters on the theme "The offering of 70th Anniversary". These articles will be published consecutively from this issue onward. We have also interviewed the composer of our 70th anniversary theme song. Please go get a copy at our Info Table or <u>click here</u> to download it.

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- 8. Pastor's Sharing: We have made the weekly Pastor's Sharing available online for your easy reading (starting from May 2022). Please <u>click here</u> (<u>www.npacem.org/pastors-sharing</u>) to access the page, and you will find a list of the articles. May God use these sharings to encourage us all in walking in Him.
- 9. Opening Hours: All sites will be closed on <u>Fri Jul 1</u> (public holiday).
- ★ What's at our Info Table? NPAC newsletter, Barnabasaid, Bible reading plans, devotional materials, gospel tracts, evangelism resources, and much more! Come after the worship service.

Prayer Corner

We pray for your personal needs, your unbelieving friends, and families. Please find and join our prayer meeting outside the A/V Room after the worship service.

Tithe & Offering

Tithe & offering will be collected in the red offering bags at the end of the worship service at the entrance of the worship hall. Charity offering (every 4th Sun) will be collected in the green bag. Please prayerfully prepare beforehand. For other collection channels, please <u>click here</u>.

Prayer Items

- India: More than 2,500 distinct people groups speak over 19,500 languages and dialects. Approximately 196 million people, 14% of the population, are malnourished. Roughly 30,000 children in India are orphans, and about 10% of the population lives in abject poverty. India has the most unreached people groups in the world. 95% of Indians have never heard of Jesus! <u>Pray</u> for the cultural barriers of the caste system and Hinduism to be overcome by the gospel. <u>Pray</u> for the gospel to reach every village and town. <u>Pray</u> for justice and hope in a nation plagued by oppression, poverty, and disease. (Learn more from <u>Prayercast</u>).
- 2. Hong Kong: <u>Pray</u> for the leadership transition. <u>May</u> we come humbly before God and intercede for our city! <u>May</u> we all learn and walk in the truth by faith. <u>May</u> the Holy Spirit enable us to be salt and light, and live as kingdom citizens at all times!
- 3. English Sunday School: <u>Pray</u> for God's provision of teachers for all classes, especially for the Children's Program. <u>Pray</u> that God will bring more children and youth to our classes to learn about Himself. <u>May</u> all the teachers be encouraged in their service and care for the students.

Next Sun Jul 3: <u>Speaker</u>: Rev. Stera Chan ("Why, my soul, are you downcast?", Psalm 42); <u>Holy</u> <u>Communion</u>: Rev. Stera Chan; <u>Chairperson</u>: Christina Bruce; <u>Praise Team</u>: Joshua Kan & Team; <u>Pianist</u>: Stephanie Poon; <u>Scripture Reader</u>: Roland Bruce; <u>Communion Usher</u>: Stanley Kam; <u>Welcome Team</u>: Edna Sables, Jasmin Delos Reyes, Jesila Makabenta; <u>Offering Counters</u>: Beverly Inao, Claudia Chan; <u>PowerPoint</u>: Shayne Descartin.