



I plant by faith

the
BOLD FAITH
CAMPAIGN



FROM MY HEART

As your pastor for 14 years now, I hope you know how much I truly love you and am thrilled to be walking this journey of faith with you. My faith has grown tremendously as your pastor, and I pray that yours has too. I am overwhelmed when I think about what God has done through this church and the number of lives that have been impacted.

So many people have come to faith, and their eternities are changed.
So many have found help and healing through counselling and safe relationships.
So many have found lifelong friendships through care groups and ministry teams.
(And many have found spouses, too).
So many have found hope in the midst of their despair.

The stories of God at work are endless . . .

I wish I could share more with you of what I get to see from my first hand vantage point. But I trust that you at least have a glimpse into the incredible things that God has done in people's lives through this church.

Though there is ample reason to celebrate all that God has done, it's also about all the work that is yet to be done. I think about the people who we haven't even met yet, whose lives will be changed by our great God. We need to remember that this campaign is not about a building – it's about changed lives.

I pray that this initiative will be a blessing to you personally. I pray that you will not feel forced or manipulated at all, but that somehow in your own walk with God, you will sense the same privilege that I feel to be a part of something that is history-making, life-changing, and personally fulfilling.

Yours in this great adventure,



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Senior Pastor



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BRING
7,000 PEOPLE
TO
WORSHIP
JESUS CHRIST
BY
THE YEAR 2020

Urge anyone you find
to come, so that
My house will be full.

LUKE 14:23

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OPTIMISE
TRAINING AND
LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT
BY PROVIDING
REGIONAL
CONFERENCES,
STRATEGIC ALLIANCES,
AND
COMPREHENSIVE
SPIRITUAL
DEVELOPMENT

Their responsibility is
to equip God's people
to do His work and
build up the church,
the body of Christ.

EPHESIANS 4:12

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LOVE
THE CITY BY
PROVIDING
SUPPORT AND
SPACE FOR
COUNSELLING,
SUPPORT
GROUPS,
SEMINARS AND
MERCY
MINISTRIES

Whenever you care
for the least of these,
you care for Me.

MATTHEW 25:40

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DEEPEN
RELATIONSHIPS
AND
COMMUNITY BY
FACILITATING
200 SMALL
GROUPS TO
MEET WEEKLY
BY 2020

Because we loved you
so much, we were
delighted to share with
you not only the gospel
of God but our lives
as well.

1 THESSALONIANS 2:8

UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR BOLD FAITH COMMITMENT

pray

PRAY EVERY DAY ABOUT YOUR INVOLVEMENT

Here is a sample prayer to guide you:

"Lord, show me how You want me to be a part of your kingdom work in Hong Kong. Show me practical ways I can give that will stretch my faith, and provide for Your church."

Remember that God is more concerned about your faith being stretched than the amount that you give.

remember

REMEMBER THE BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE IS "EQUAL SACRIFICE, NOT EQUAL GIFTS"

While some are able to give bigger amounts than others, we truly believe that God is honoured with our unity in sacrifice. Perhaps another way to discern your giving amount to the Lord, is not to ask how much you can afford to give, but how much you actually need to keep for yourself.

determine

DETERMINE WHAT WILL GUIDE YOUR DECISION: REASON OR REVELATION

Decisions based on reason is the most common way people give to charities. When I give based on reason, I simply look at my finances, determine a "reasonable" amount, and then I donate. It is an act of unselfishness, but it requires no faith, no sacrifice, and therefore limits the opportunity to see God perform a miracle. Reason asks: "What can I afford to give?" But there's an even better way to give:

Decisions based on REVELATION require faith, and are determined by prayer and a willingness to have your faith stretched. The people of Macedonia were honoured by God because "they gave not only what they could afford, they gave even more than they could afford" (2 CORINTHIANS 8:3).

understand

UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A STEWARD AND A DONOR

A donor helps out an organisation by giving.

A steward recognises that everything belongs to God, and is simply a "manager" of His resources.

think

THINK CREATIVELY ABOUT HOW TO BE INVOLVED

Many think they can't help out significantly, even if they really wanted to. But if you give it some thought, you may be able to give more than you think. Here are some questions to help you think through your possibilities:

- What purchase can I delay so that I can give?
- What income stream do I have now that I can direct to BOLD FAITH?
- What asset could I sell in order to provide for God's work?
- What sacrifice can I make in my standard of living in order to increase my giving?

choose

CHOOSE TO GIVE AS AN ACT OF WORSHIP

Giving can be a source of frustration if you feel obligated or manipulated. Or it can be a great source of worship if you are able to yield it to God with a sense of delight and trust.

expect

ACCOMPANY YOUR GIFT WITH EXPECTANT PRAYERS

Choose in faith to thank God for how your gift will impact many lives in the future. Remember to see your gift as an investment with eternal rewards.

FAQ

1. WHY NOW?

Our current lease expires in Oct 2016, and we fully expect to renew. However, in the meantime we want to begin seriously negotiating for long-term solutions to our growing space issue. In order to negotiate, it is vital that we can show ourselves to be financially strong, and to have funding that would allow us to move forward in a purchase or development.

2. HOW MUCH?

Our goal is to raise a minimum of 1 billion HKD over the coming 3 years. This will not be enough to finalise our project, and we will need to raise additional funds in a few years time, but it will provide enough for us to negotiate and move forward with plans.

3. WHAT ARE THE GUIDELINES BEING USED TO SELECT A BUILDING SITE?

We are trusting God to provide a facility somewhere on Hong Kong Island. Obviously an easily-accessible location is preferred, but we are weighing that with the cost restraints. Based on years of research, there are three main models which surface as options:
1. Joint venture with developer, 2. Conversion of industrial space, 3. Purchase existing commercial property.

4. GIVEN OUR GROWING NUMBERS, HAVE WE CONSIDERED CHURCH PLANTING AGAIN?

In Oct 2010 we planted Watermark Community Church in Cyperbort, and sent 200 people, strong leadership, and a 3-year financial commitment. It alleviated our space problems for less than a year. It was a successful endeavour and we would love to plant again. However, we are currently prioritising securing a permanent facility that could serve as the central hub for any future church plants.

5. WHAT IS THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE CHURCH CURRENTLY?

God has provided abundantly through the year, and the church leadership has been wise in determining budgets. Therefore we are in a sound, financial position. For those who would like to see our latest audited financials, you can request a copy from the financial office (finance@islandecc.hk).

6. WILL THIS GIVING CAMPAIGN AFFECT THE CHURCH'S COMMITMENT TO OUTREACH AND MISSIONS?

Absolutely not. We are committed to maintaining all current levels of support to outreach and missions. This means that all BOLD FAITH giving needs to be above and beyond your regular support to the church in order to faithfully maintain our existing ministries. In fact, we are trusting that with the growth the BOLD FAITH campaign will allow, we can increase our commitment to outreach, both overseas and here in Hong Kong.

For additional details and more FAQ, please see islandecc.hk/boldfaith/faq

WAYS TO GIVE

1. GIVE A CASH GIFT

This may include an increase in your regular giving, a bonus from work, rental income. Ask God to show you creative ways to give cash now.

2. MAKE A 36-MONTH GIVING PLEDGE

You can make a greater impact than you realise if you give over time. Refer to the Giving Potential Chart and you will be amazed at how much you can actually give over a 36 month period. See on-line for registration.

3. SET UP A BOLD FAITH AUTOMATIC BANK TRANSFER

The easiest way to schedule your giving to your three-year pledge is to set it up automatically at islandecc.hk/giving. It's safe, secure, and it makes it convenient for both you and the church.

4. GIVE PROPERTY, STOCK, OR OTHER ITEMS OF VALUE

Some of you may want to liquidate assets in order to give to the BOLD FAITH campaign.

MY GIVING POTENTIAL CHART

WEEKLY	MONTHLY	3 YEARS
\$ 10,000	\$ 43,300	\$ 1,560,000
\$ 5,000	\$ 21,600	\$ 780,000
\$ 4,000	\$ 17,300	\$ 624,000
\$ 3,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 468,000
\$ 2,500	\$ 10,800	\$ 390,000
\$ 2,000	\$ 8,600	\$ 312,000
\$ 1,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 234,000
\$ 1,000	\$ 4,300	\$ 156,000
\$ 800	\$ 3,400	\$ 124,800
\$ 600	\$ 2,600	\$ 93,600
\$ 500	\$ 2,160	\$ 78,000
\$ 400	\$ 1,730	\$ 62,400
\$ 300	\$ 1,300	\$ 46,800
\$ 200	\$ 860	\$ 31,200
\$ 100	\$ 430	\$ 15,600

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USE YOUR MONEY TO DO GOOD...

ALWAYS BEING READY TO SHARE WITH OTHERS WHATEVER GOD HAS GIVEN YOU.

1 TIMOTHY 6:19

I WILL GO BEFORE YOU.
ISAIAH 45:2