

January 13, 2019

THIS WAY UP

Under Pressure

*These men who have turned the world **upside down** have come here also..*

Acts 17:6

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when His glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed...

¹⁶ However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.

¹⁹ So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

1 Peter 4:12-14, 16, 19

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind... standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

¹¹ To Him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 5:6-11



Are you new here?
We'd love to invite you to our Newcomers Lunch.

Let's get to know each other!

Name

Email

Phone

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PLACE INTO THE OFFERING BAG

HIGHLIGHTS

JAN 15 MEN'S FRATERNITY SPRING LAUNCH

Why Men's Fraternity? Why fight together? Why become better men? Come find out at our launch and start 2019 in a positive trajectory. Tuesday, 7 - 9 pm, 10/F Auditorium. For more info, email men@islandecc.hk

JAN 16 THE VILLAGE SPRING LAUNCH

Come and be part of an authentic sisterhood at Island ECC! This Spring, we are exploring our place and purpose in Christ, looking at how to respond to God's call to live life to the full. Join us at our launch to find out more. Wednesday, 7 - 9:30 pm, 2/F Auditorium. Sign up at Connect Counter today or visit islandecc.hk/women

JAN 24 SHINE THROUGH SINGLE PARENTING

Please join us for a dinner and discussion regarding raising children as a single parent. We know parenting is a tough job and want to partner with you on this journey. A panel of people who have navigated single parenting will be there to encourage you. 7:30 - 9:30 pm, 11/F The Well. Please register on our website or email pastoralcare@islandecc.hk

JAN 27 LOVING THE CITY SEMINAR (PART ONE)

Hope of the City is hosting a series of poverty awareness seminars throughout the year titled "Loving the City". We have invited 4 speakers who are actively involved in poverty alleviation, each representing a major sector: the government, NGO, church and corporate. Join us 1:30 - 3 pm, 10/F Auditorium. For more info, email info@hopeofthecity.com

FEB 22-23 GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Join us for a dynamic leadership training event, featuring world-class speakers via videocast as well as live local influencers. Learn how to maximise your impact and inspire those around you. Advanced ticket price of \$450 now available. To register, visit glshk.org

CLASSES & SUPPORT GROUPS

To register and for more information on the following classes, go to islandecc.hk/classes

JAN 20 GROW DISCIPLESHIP INFO SESSION

Course Dates: 10 February to 14 April

This is a journey to strengthen your walk with God by teaching you how to have quiet time with joy, pray with faith, read the Bible with understanding, fellowship with love, and witness with confidence. Next Sunday, 1:30 - 3 pm, 10/F Auditorium. Simple lunch provided.

FEB 10 CARE GROUP CONNECT

Do you want to join a care group but don't know where to start? Then the 8-week Care Group Connect is for you. You will meet new people with the possibility of developing into Care Groups. Start enjoying friendship and spiritual growth in a community. 1:30 - 3:30 pm, 11/F The Well. Simple lunch provided. To sign up, visit islandecc.hk/caregroups

OUTREACH

MAR 2 LOW-INCOME FAMILIES REGULAR HOME VISITS

Sham Shui Po district is home to many low-income families with a living space no larger than 200 sq. ft. Hope of the City is looking for volunteers to care for these families on a monthly basis as we believe that through consistent relationship building, the love of Christ will be manifested. For more info, email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com

OPPORTUNITIES

For more information about the below opportunities, go to islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities. If you are interested, send your CV and cover letter to hr@islandecc.hk.

- Web Developer
- Creative Video Producer

GENERAL OFFERING

LAST 2 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)

	31 Dec	7 Jan
Budget		
Giving	1,532	1,532
Variance	1,319	1,480
	(213)	(52)

YEAR TO DATE

(19 Weeks)

Budget	
Giving	\$29.1M
Variance	\$23.9M
	\$-5.2M (-17.9%)

BOLD FAITH FUND

Received	Outstanding Pledged
\$136.8 M	\$17.9 M

GIVING TO ISLAND ECC

We encourage those who consider Island ECC their church home to prayerfully give a percentage of their income to the church on a regular basis.

Cheques payable: 'Island ECC Ltd' for Hong Kong tax receipts or 'Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc' for US tax receipts.

Enquiries: giving@islandecc.hk