



Welcome!

Hong Kong used to be the land of pirated and fake goods. Now you have to travel across the border to Shenzhen to find all the amazing knockoffs of the most wanted and expensive products out there. These fakes aren't sold from a pile of unboxed goods. Even the packaging is faked to give the appearance of the real thing. These fakes are so good now that you would have to study YouTube videos to be able to discern the ever so small variations that would give away their inauthenticity. Usually we want the authentic product but if we are not willing or able to pay the cost then we will settle for the appearance of authenticity.

Authentic Community. It sounds good. It sounds like something everyone wants. It is one of Island ECC's core values. We know we don't like fake people and we don't want to be thought of as fake. We would hate to think we are, at best, a really impressive fake. Authenticity is one of those words that gets thrown around a lot. But what does it mean? What does God have to say about it? In this message, we will explore what it means to be authentic, and how we can be authentic. If Jesus Christ is truly the one true living God then He alone can define and achieve authenticity for us. I hope that you will be encouraged and inspired to pursue this often elusive quality.

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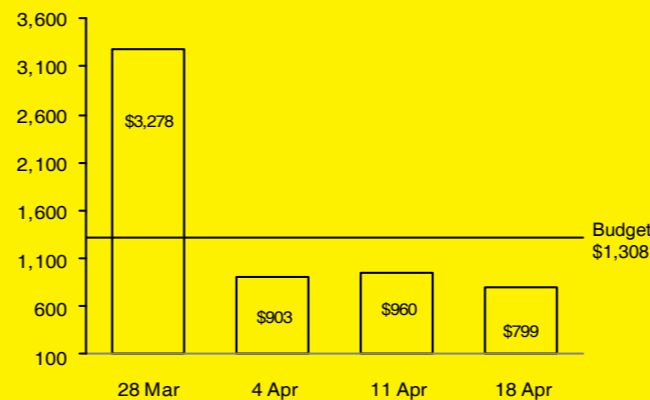
YEAR TO DATE (33 WEEKS)

1.0% surplus on giving

YTD Budget \$ 43.1M
YTD Giving \$ 43.5M
YTD Variance \$ 0.4M

FISCAL YEAR SEPT 2015 - AUG 2016

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



	28 Mar	4 Apr	11 Apr	18 Apr
Weekly Budget	1,308	1,308	1,308	1,308
Weekly Giving	3,278	903	960	799
Weekly Variance	1,971	-405	-348	-508

Bold Faith Fund \$109.2M Received \$50.6M Outstanding Pledge \$58.6M

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 to 'Island ECC Ltd.' for HK tax receipts or to 'Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc.' for US citizens. More info at islandecc.hk/give. Enquiries to karen.kwok@islandecc.hk.

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FLOORED BY GOD

The Closet

April 24 2016
9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm, 5pm
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY FLOORED BY GOD TILE COASTERS AVAILABLE

Complete sets of "Floored By God" ceramic tile coasters are available for purchase beginning today for \$200. In combination, these tiles colourfully spell out the central message of this special series, remind us of our awe-inspiring God, and are excellent ways to brighten up your home, or gift to friends and family. Available for sale on all service floors today!

TODAY NEWCOMERS LUNCH

If you are new to Island ECC and want to know more about the church, please join us for a Newcomers Lunch today, 1.15pm, in the 10/F Worship Hall. Lunch is free, and you'll meet our staff and get plugged in. Hope to see you there!

APR 30 PRAYER RETREAT

Give yourself a break and join us for an extended dedicated time with God and His people to learn about God's heart! 10am-4pm, 10/F. Coffee and tea available starting 9.30am, and lunch will be provided. Registration fee is \$50. Register and pay at the 1/F Connect Counter.

MAY 7 THE INDISPENSABLES: A ONE-DAY INTENSIVE FOR MEN

At The Indispensables One-Day Intensive for Men, we will be exploring the tension between feeling the need to be indispensable at work and yet often being treated as dispensable if we don't perform. There will be challenging messages, good conversation with fellow men, and even manly fun. Ultimately, we hope to point you to the truth that in God's plan you are The Indispensables. Early bird ticket: \$200 each. Pick yours up at the 1/F or 10/F Connect Counter today.

MAY 8 & 15 KIDS CLUB PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY GRADUATIONS

Parents of Promised Land and Red Sea, you are cordially invited to attend our Preschool Graduation on May 8, and Elementary Graduation on May 15, during both morning services. Also on May 15, the 3pm Graduation will be held during service time. Please join us in celebration as our children reach this milestone!

MAY 11 THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

It is our honour to be hosting Canon Andrew White, also known as the Vicar of Baghdad. He will be sharing his experience living and serving in Iraq, and the unfolding of the recent worldwide refugee crisis due to ISIS. 7.30pm, 1/F Auditorium. Pick up your free ticket at the Connect Counter.

MAY 13 & 14 JUSTICE CONFERENCE 2016

The Justice Conference is an annual event designed to promote and encourage conversations around key justice related issues facing our communities in Asia today. Special discounted tickets are available at the 1/F Connect Counter. The conference will be held at The Vine. For full information, visit www.thejusticeconferenceasia.com.

RIGHTNOW MEDIA

Island ECC has partnered with RightNow Media to bring you many great discipleship videos for leaders, families, small groups, students, kids and more. You can view these videos from a TV, tablet, phone or computer – anytime and anywhere. Sign up today on our website: www.islandecc.hk/rightnow. It's free!

NEW CARE GROUP IN HKUST, SAI KUNG

We have just started a new care group meeting on Monday evening at the senior staff quarter of HKUST. If you are around that area, please join us to study the "Floored by God" series. Email caregroup@islandecc.hk for more information or to sign up.

CLASSES

REGISTER AT ISLANDECC.HK/CLASSES

MAY 6 DATE NIGHT

Have you been looking for a tune-up on your marriage in a relaxed atmosphere? At Date Night, couples have a delicious dinner while watching an enriching video on marriage. After dinner, there will be time for discussion as a couple to process and apply the content they watched. Four Fridays starting May 6, 7.30-9.30pm, 10/F. The course costs \$200 per couple per night.

MAY 8 THE RISE OF RADICAL ISLAM: BRUSSELS

Three bombs exploded in Brussels on March 22. At least 30 people were killed and 230 wounded. The Islamic State has claimed responsibility. Join Lincoln Loo for this one-time presentation to look at why did that happen, and what might happen next. 2.30-4.30pm, 10/F Classroom.

MAY 15 IMPROVING INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Living, working, and dealing with others can be a real challenge! People come from different backgrounds, have different personalities, and do not always share the same values. This 4-week class is designed to sharpen your interpersonal skills by providing biblical and practical helps in the areas of communication, trust, conflict, and grief. 9.30-11am, 10/F Classroom.

OUTREACH

TODAY MONGOLIA MISSION TRIP INFO SESSION

This summer we are returning to Mongolia for a week-long summer camp for abandoned children in the countryside, followed by a week in Ulaanbaatar (UB) reaching impoverished groups in the slum districts. Learn more about the trip at our information session. 1.30-3pm, 11/F The Well. Trip dates: Jul 31 to Aug 7 (camp week), Aug 7 to 14 (UB week), or both weeks.

TODAY TAIWAN MISSION TRIP - REGISTRATION DEADLINE

From July 2 to 9, our team will be returning to the aboriginal village in Taidung that we've been serving for four years. Partner with us to care for their aboriginal children and share the gospel. Today is the last day to sign up for the trip. Email go@islandecc.hk for more information.

MAY 7 IDEAL MOTHER'S DAY WALKATHON

Ready for a little hike? Hope of the City is looking for five volunteers to prepare for the Mother's Day Walkathon organised by the Intellectually Disabled Education and Advocacy League (IDEAL) at the Peak. 9am-1pm. Please email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.

24 APRIL 2016

The Closet

³¹ To the Jews who had believed Him, Jesus said, "If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can You say that we shall be set free?"

³⁴ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷ I know that you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are looking for a way to kill Me, because you have no room for My word. ³⁸ I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you are doing what you have heard from your father."

John 8:31-38

NEW TO ISLAND ECC

MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER

1 We are so glad that you're here today and would love to get to know you! Visit the Connect Counters on 1/F, 2/F and 10/F. Volunteers are there to answer any questions you might have about Island ECC and its different ministries and events.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE [f](https://www.islandecc.hk) [t](https://www.islandecc.hk) [v](https://www.islandecc.hk)

2 Check out www.islandecc.hk, where you'll have access to information about all our ministries and events, as well as a broad spectrum of resources - including weekly blog posts and video podcasts of sermons.

Kids Club FX (Quarterly Family Experience): Easter Celebration



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