



# Welcome!

A living room is a wonderful, warm and welcoming room of the home. At Island ECC, we've noticed – not surprisingly – that our living rooms are the most popular and sought-after spaces in the building. They're places where community and connection happens, where bonds are made and strengthened. So we've intentionally designed living rooms into our growth and expansion. (Have a look at the Living Rooms on 10/F and 11/F if you've never seen them!)

We were designed to live in community and we find the perfect kind of community when it's centred around Christ. Kingdom communities were not meant just for our enjoyment and good times, but also as a witness for the glory of God.

Today, I hope you'll see how your living room can be more of a community for Christ.

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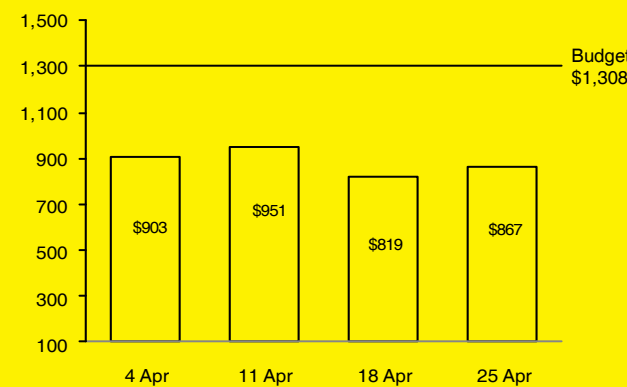
## GENERAL OFFERING

### YEAR TO DATE (34 WEEKS)

**YTD Budget** \$ 44.4M  
**YTD Giving** \$ 44.4M  
**YTD Variance** \$ 0.0M

### FISCAL YEAR SEPT 2015 - AUG 2016

### PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



	4 Apr	11 Apr	18 Apr	25 Apr
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	1,308	1,308	1,308	1,308
<b>Weekly Giving</b>	903	951	819	867
<b>Weekly Variance</b>	-405	-357	-489	-441

**Bold Faith Fund \$109.9M**    Received \$51.3M    Outstanding Pledge \$58.6M

Bold Faith Initial Fund Raising Target \$1 Billion

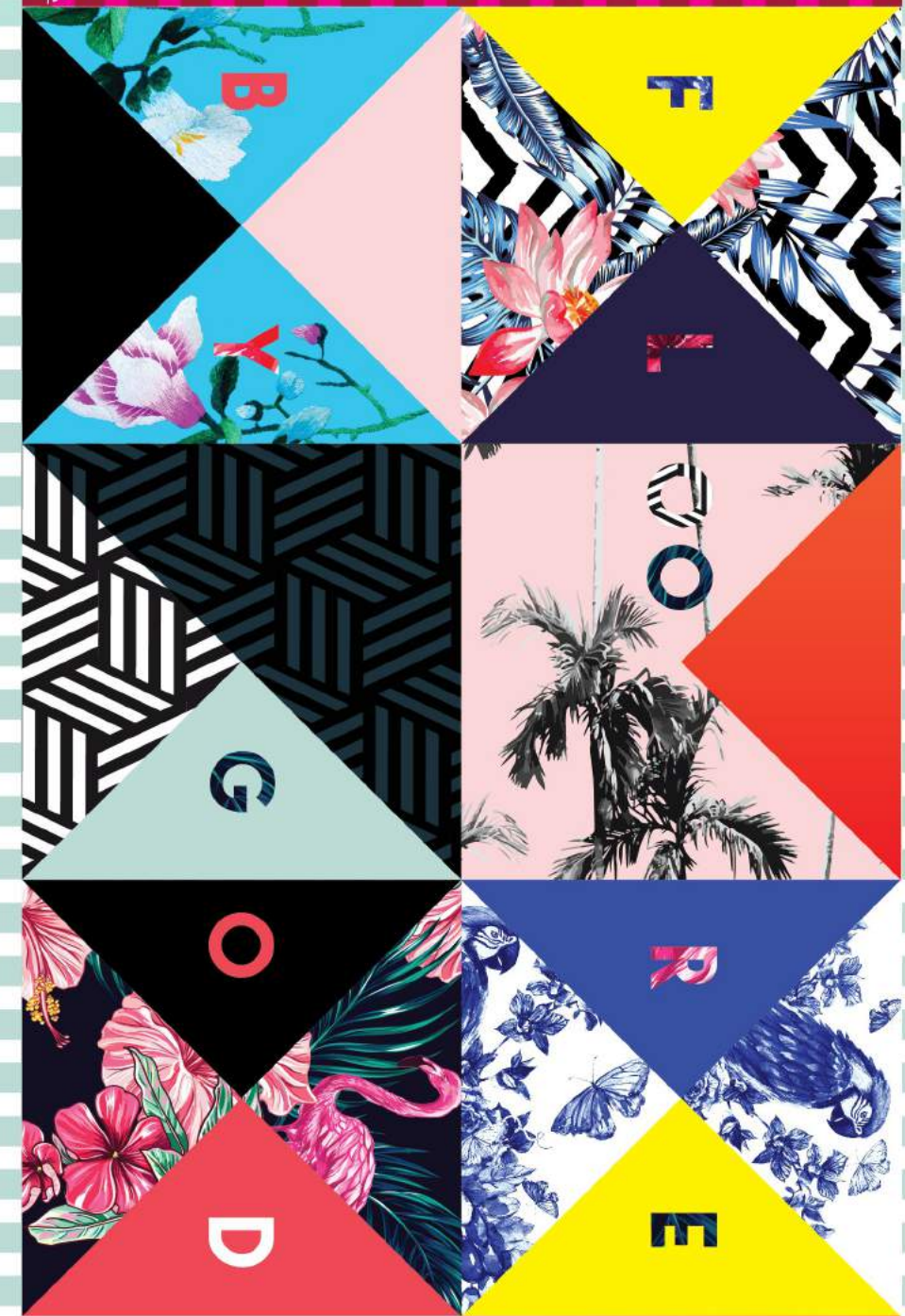
**GIVING TO ISLAND ECC** We encourage those who consider Island ECC their church home to prayerfully give a percentage of their income to the church on a regular basis.

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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**ISLAND**  
EVANGELICAL COMMUNITY CHURCH



**FLOORED  
BY GOD**

**The Living Room**

May 1 2016

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





# HIGHLIGHTS

## TODAY PRAYER AFTER SERVICE

We want to encourage the church to set aside time to pray today wherever you are and if you need to pray with people, feel free to approach our prayer volunteers at the front. Kindly leave the sanctuary quietly in respect of those who are praying.

## TODAY FLOORED BY GOD TILE COASTERS AVAILABLE

Complete sets of "Floored By God" ceramic tile coasters are available for purchase 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!

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

Today is the last day to get your early bird ticket (\$200) to The Indispensables One-Day Intensive for Men, where 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 manly fun. Ultimately, we hope to point you to the truth that in God's plan you are The Indispensables. Register 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 29 KIDS CLUB FX: CONTENTMENT

Save the date for our Kids Club FX to learn all about contentment – deciding to be happy with what you've got. This event is for our elementary aged (6-10) children and their family members. 1.30pm, 10/F Worship Hall. You can pick up free event tickets and optional lunch coupons at the 9/F Welcome Desk or 10/F Connect Counter starting next Sunday.

## JUN 17-18 RENEW CONFERENCE FEATURING FRANCIS CHAN: IMMEASURABLY MORE

What are you hoping for? Do you listen to the voices that say it's not possible? Or do you believe the One who says there's more – immeasurably more? Join us for a special weekend of faith-building teaching and soul-reviving worship at the Sunbeam Theatre in North Point. Tickets will be available starting next week.

## 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](mailto:caregroup@islandecc.hk) for more information or to sign up.

## BOLD FAITH CLOTHES SALE FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Over \$500,000 was raised during the Bold Faith Clothes Sale held last week. All proceeds will go towards the Bold Faith Campaign to support Island ECC's future permanent church premises in Hong Kong. Special thanks to all the volunteers, staff and many congregants who participated in this fund raising event.

## CLASSES

REGISTER AT [ISLANDECC.HK/CLASSES](http://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 is \$200 per couple per night, to be paid at the event.

### 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 9 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY IN CENTRAL

Jesus: Listening for His Voice (A Study of Mark 7-13) is a class ideal for women who desire to begin their busy week with the study of God's word and sweet fellowship in Central. Mondays, May 9 to July 11, 12.30-2pm. Chiaphua Ltd., 19/F Worldwide House, Central.

### 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.

### MAY 15 MENTORING IOI

How is Christ-centred mentoring different from secular mentoring? What does a healthy mentoring relationship look like? How should mentors tackle hardened attitudes or sensitive issues? Join Jennifer Tow for this one-off class and learn how to train up future leaders. 2-5pm, 10/F Classroom.

## OUTREACH

### MAY 22 PRISON OUTREACH VOLUNTEER TRAINING

This training covers the basic rules of undertaking this ministry and some helpful skills required. It is for those who are currently serving in the prison but have never taken a training course, and for those who are interested to serve and to know more. 2.30-5.50pm. RSVP by May 19 to [go@islandecc.hk](mailto:go@islandecc.hk).

### MAY 28 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MOBILE SHOPPING FAIR

Each month, low-income families from Shek Kip Mei order necessities from St. James' Settlement at a reduced fair price. We are looking for 20 volunteers who can deliver these goods to immobile families. 9-11.30am. Email [volunteer@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:volunteer@hopeofthecity.com) for more information.

# 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

**2** Check out [www.islandecc.hk](http://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



## 1 MAY 2016

# The Living Room

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker <sup>2</sup> and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ ...

<sup>8</sup> Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, <sup>9</sup> yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you – I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus – <sup>10</sup> I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup> (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup> I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup> I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup> but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. <sup>15</sup> For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup> no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother – especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord ...

<sup>25</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Philemon 1

Living in kingdom community means displaying complete unity

... is remembering we are family

... begins with Jesus and me

