

Welcome!

For those who don't know the background of this church, it was started in 1999 by a group of 180 people who saw the need for a vibrant church that would be able to reach a broad number of English speakers in Hong Kong. 17 years later, God has grown the church to serve over 3,500 people each Sunday. Our goal has never been to be big, but we've also recognised it is not our right to stay small.

So with each passing year, we have seen God expand our numbers and our impact. And by faith, we have made space. We've crammed chairs closer together. We've created more service times. We've rented additional floors. And as long as there are people in our city that are unaware of a God that deeply loves them, we will make space, work hard, and creatively trust God for ways to reach them.

Today, we pause a bit to see what God has done. But we only revel in the past so that we can marvel at the future.

God has done much, but there is still so much more ahead. I hope you will be encouraged today as you realise the role you play in God's redemptive plan throughout history. We are truly living in an unprecedented time, in a most strategic city.



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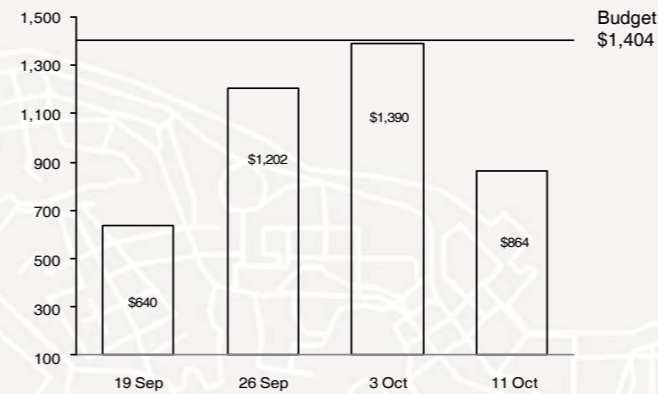
YEAR TO DATE (6 WEEKS)

17.0% deficit on giving

YTD Budget \$8.4M
YTD Giving \$7.0M
YTD Variance -\$1.4M

FISCAL YEAR SEP 2016 - AUG 2017

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



	19 Sep	26 Sep	3 Oct	11 Oct
Weekly Budget	1,404	1,404	1,404	1,404
Weekly Giving	640	1,202	1,390	864
Weekly Variance	(764)	(202)	(14)	(540)

Bold Faith Fund \$116.9M Received \$70.4M Outstanding Pledge \$46.5M

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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I PLANT BY FAITH

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October 16, 2016 9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm, 5pm
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY **BABY DEDICATION**

We are delighted today to join with 2 families in the dedication of their children to the Lord: Gabrielle Charis Loh, born 14 January 2016, to parents Melvin & Julie (11:30am, 10/F) Liv Grace Hui, born 20 February 2016, to parents Jonathan & Lavina (3pm, 2/F) We warmly welcome all family and friends visiting for this occasion.

OCT 22 **MARRIAGE SUMMIT — LAST SUNDAY TO REGISTER**

Marriage is great! It's kind of like climbing a mountain; you get stronger as you go and the views get better, but it's not without its challenges. This one day event is packed with spiritual and practical insights from our pastors and worship leaders. Your marriage will be enriched in stress-free and engaging ways. Tickets available at Connect Counters for \$500 per couple.

OCT 22 **PRAYER HIKE**

Love God and like nature? Join us for a purposeful morning on the Lung Fu Shan trail at 9:30am. Check online church events to register, or for more details, email prayer@islandecc.hk.

OCT 26 **“SHE OBJECTS” DOCUMENTARY SCREENING**

The Village will be screening "She Objects", the first Hong Kong made documentary of its kind. It shows how the media sexualises and diminishes women, leading to detrimental effects on both women and men manifested in self diminishment, eating disorders and sexual addiction. Come, invite your friends, and let us open a dialogue about this. Pick up your free tickets at the Connect Counter. Oct 26 at 7:30pm, 2/F.

NOV 20 **IY THANKSGIVING LUNCH**

We would love for you and your family to join us for Island Youth's annual Thanksgiving lunch on Nov 20, 2016 at 1:30pm, 11/F The Well. IY will provide the cutlery and the turkey, but we would love for families to bring along some side dishes. To sign up, email youth@islandecc.hk.

CLASSES

REGISTER AT ISLANDECC.HK/CLASSES

TODAY **MONEY & MARRIAGE**

Please join Jeff Ryan and team in this discipleship study as we learn about God's role in our marriage and finances. This life-changing study will help us to discover God's approach in strengthening our marital relationships. Sundays, 9:30-11am, 10/F classroom.

OCT 23 **HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE**

Join Joseph Mohan in this upcoming class, which will teach the basic principles of Bible Study Method. You will also be given opportunities to practice your newly learned skills. Sundays, 9:30-11am, 8/F classroom.

OCT 30 **ISLAND BIBLE SEMINAR: KNOW YOUR WHY**

Why do you do what you do? Come and hear Ken Costa, author of 'Know Your Why: Finding and Fulfilling Your Calling in Life', speak at Island ECC on this crucial topic. Sundays, 2:30pm-4:30pm, 10/F Worship Hall.

NOV 6 **OLD TESTAMENT BIG PICTURE**

Adam, the Flood, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, the Exodus...what do these Old Testament Bible accounts reveal about the big picture of God's purpose with mankind? How does the OT fit in with the rest of human history? Join this class and learn the answers! Sundays, 11:30-1pm, 8/F classroom.

OUTREACH

OCT 23 - 30 **FOOD DRIVE — RICE HARVEST SEASON**

Did you know October is peak time for rice harvesting in Southern China, but 1.5 million people in Hong Kong go hungry every day. Hope of the City wants to help change that by holding a food drive for Feeding Hong Kong over two Sundays. Items needed are rice (brown, red, white), cooking oils, noodles (non-instant) and powdered milk. Bring your contributions to church and drop them in the boxes. For more information, please visit www.hopeofthecity.com.

OCT 29 **MOBILE SHOPPING FAIR**

Each month, low-income families from Shek Kip Mei will order necessities from St. James' Settlement at a reduced fair price. Volunteers will help deliver these goods to these families and spend some time chatting with them. We are looking for 20 volunteers to help out on Sat, 9am - 11:30am. For more information, please email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com.

OCT 30 **ISRAEL STUDY TRIP 2017 — APPLICATIONS OPEN**

Israel Study Trip 2017 is now open for applications. Trip dates are April 2-14, 2017. Spaces are limited. Application deadline is October 30th. For details of itinerary and cost, please contact Pastor Albert Ng at albert.ng@islandecc.hk.

OCT 30 **SHANXI MISSION TRIP SHARING SESSION**

Come join us to learn how God literally moved the mountains; and brought a couple to travel half the globe to Shanxi province in China to run a school and change the life of thousands of kids, parents, villagers, and people locally and around the world. 1:30-3:00pm, 11/F classroom.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

For more employment information visit islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities.

ASSIMILATION MINISTRY ASSISTANT - SUNDAY CONTRACT POSITION

We are looking for an enthusiastic, energetic and outgoing person with good administrative skills to provide practical and logistical help, supporting our teams of volunteers for our Sunday services. Serve 8:30am to 1:30pm weekly, and/or 2:30-6:30pm weekly.

PRODUCTION MANAGER - SUNDAY CONTRACT POSITION

We are looking for a Production Manager to oversee the audio-visual aspects for all Sunday services on one floor each week, and at occasional events. An understanding of presentation software, computers, network drives, video and lighting would be beneficial. Must have a sharp eye for detail and be proficient in written and spoken English.

SUNDAY CARETAKER

To support our Sunday services and events, including room set up. 10 hours per week including other occasional weekday hours as needed. Contact the Director of Ministry Support, tel: 2864 9338

NEW TO ISLAND ECC

MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER

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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.

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE [f](https://www.facebook.com/islandecc) [t](https://www.instagram.com/islandecc) [v](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCz8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8)

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.

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I Plant By Faith

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Acts 1:8

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120)...

Acts 1:15

Many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number came to about 5,000.

Acts 4:4

(Paul) related one by one the things that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry... And they said to him, "You see brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed."

Acts 21:20

(Paul) lived there (Rome) two whole years...and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

Acts 28:31

Super Sunday: Launching our new ministry year

