



# Welcome!

We have launched a ton of new ministries this past week and hopefully you were able to take advantage of some of them. There are countless ways you can be involved, so be sure to read the bulletin and pay careful attention to Island Info so you can find those details you need to take the next step.

In part 2 of our "Life Coach" series, we're going to think through how to respond to criticism. Having a thick skin is simply not enough. In a world that is increasingly hostile and an internet that spews vitriol, we need to be on guard about what we give weight to in our minds as well as what we communicate to those around us.

If you're single, make sure you sign up for the upcoming Singles Conference. It's really going to be a great one and I think you'll be glad you went.

*Brett*

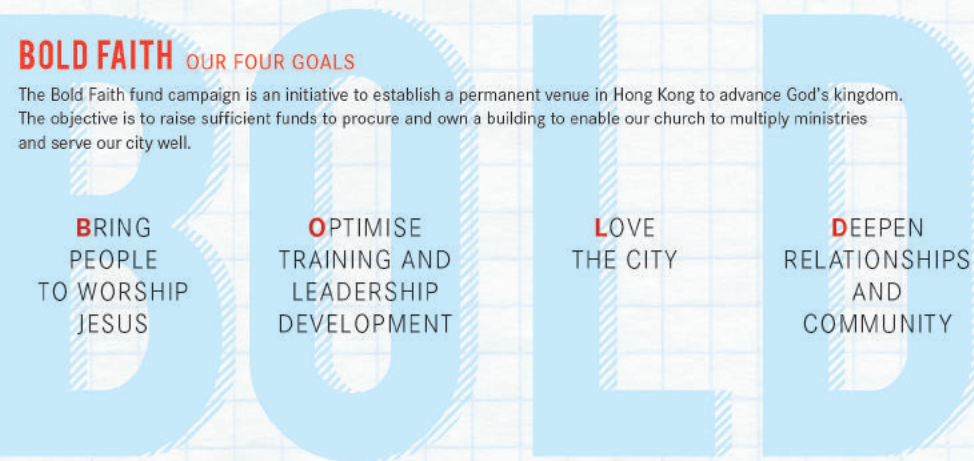
Are you new here?  
Come to our Newcomers Lunch  
1 October 2017  
1:30 pm, 10/F Living Room

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## BOLD FAITH OUR FOUR GOALS

The Bold Faith fund campaign is an initiative to establish a permanent venue in Hong Kong to advance God's kingdom. The objective is to raise sufficient funds to procure and own a building to enable our church to multiply ministries and serve our city well.



## Bold Faith Fund [Target \$1 Billion]

Received	\$103.9M	Outstanding Pledged	\$30.2M
Total Fund \$134.1M			

## GENERAL OFFERING

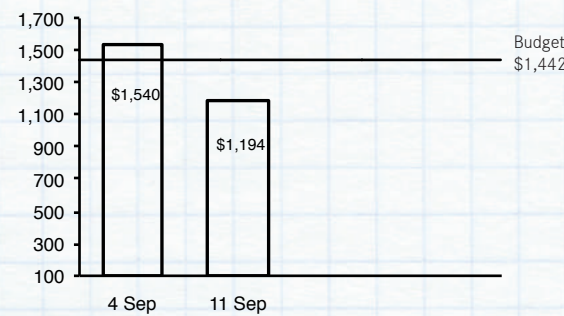
## FISCAL YEAR SEP 2017 - AUG 2018

### YEAR TO DATE (2 WEEKS)

### PAST 2 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)

-6.8% deficit on giving

Budget	\$2.9M
Giving	\$2.7M
Variance	-\$0.2M



## 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 HK tax receipts
  - 'Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc.' for US citizens

WEEKLY	4 Sep	11 Sep
Budget	1,442	1,442
Giving	1,540	1,194
Variance	98	(248)

Enquiries:  
[giving@islandecc.hk](mailto:giving@islandecc.hk)

## LIFE COACH

### Critical Condition

September 17, 2017 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 3 pm, 5 pm  
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

# HIGHLIGHTS

## TODAY **GROW DISCIPLESHIP COURSE LAUNCH**

At GROW, participants learn how to establish a routine of daily quiet time, reading the Bible, fellowshiping with brothers and sisters in Christ, witnessing to non-believers and more. Lunch will be provided. Find out more about the course at the launch, 1:30 - 3pm, 10/F Auditorium.

## EVERY TUESDAY **MEN'S FRATERNITY**

We believe men need other men. We need other men to rally around us, strengthen us, have man-to-man honesty, and experience got-your-back friendships. Men's Fraternity aims to nurture a brotherhood where men seek to live each day for the God they love. Dinner at 7 pm. Come join us, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, 10/F.

## EVERY WEDNESDAY **THE VILLAGE**

Looking for a hub for women? Come join us this week! We are exploring what it means to be fully alive in God and diving into the power of our true identity and purpose. Join us for good food, community and fruitful conversations. Dinner at 7 pm. Wednesdays, 8 - 10 pm, 2/F Auditorium.

## SEP 27 **PURE DESIRE: WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP**

We all long for security, identity and validation, and it is easy to fall into patterns of seeking fulfillment through false intimacy or sexual behaviour. Pure Desire ministry offers women the tools to break free from this addictive cycle and find true healing in a safe and confidential environment. For more information, email [women@islandecc.hk](mailto:women@islandecc.hk).

## SEP 24 **"WELCOME HOME" VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE**

Come join us to find out more about how you can serve! Lunch will be provided. 24 September, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, 11/F Living Room A. For more information, email [serve@islandecc.hk](mailto:serve@islandecc.hk).

## OCT 8 **KIDS CLUB FX: STEWARDSHIP**

Join us for Kids Club FX to learn all about stewardship: taking care of what you have because it all belongs to God. Pick up free event tickets and optional lunch coupons from the 9/F Welcome Desk. 8 October, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, 10/F Auditorium.

## OCT 13-14 **"BEING ONE" SINGLES CONFERENCE**

This year's Singles Conference will focus on maximising the potential of being present, being fulfilled, and being one, featuring guest speaker, Brian Rayburn. Early bird tickets (\$300) are on sale at all Connect Counters. For more information, email [singles@islandecc.hk](mailto:singles@islandecc.hk).

## OCT 20-21 **JUSTICE CONFERENCE: LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR**

The Justice Conference Asia is a global platform for the Faith and Justice Community held annually at The Vine Centre. During this year's conference, "Love Thy Neighbour", we will hear from international justice voices and practitioners in Asia who will explore what it might look like to love our neighbours as radically as Jesus did. Tickets available at all Connect Counters and online at [www.thejusticeconferenceasia.com](http://www.thejusticeconferenceasia.com). (Special Church Group Rate: \$350 (enter promo code: JCA17IECC); Regular: \$499)

## CLASSES

To register and for more information on the following classes, go to [islandecc.hk/classes](http://islandecc.hk/classes).

## TODAY **BETWEEN THE TESTAMENTS**

Who were the Pharisees, Sadducees or Zealots, and why did they have such trouble with Jesus? What about the Dead Sea Scrolls? Join Martin Radford for this 7-week class to examine the "silent years": the 400 years between the OT and NT better known as Second Temple Judaism. 9:30 - 11 am, 10/F Classroom.

## TODAY **THEOLOGY 101**

What does the Bible teach about God, Jesus, sin and heaven? Join Kyle Reed for this 5-week introductory course to dive into several core beliefs of our Christian faith and establish a good biblical foundation for your faith. 3 - 4:30 pm, 10/F Classroom.

## SEP 19 **DISORDERED EATING SUPPORT GROUP**

Disordered eating can take many forms; it doesn't have to be a full-blown disorder to become an obstacle in your life. This 6-week support group is led by a caring professional. Starts this Tuesday, 7:30 pm, 8/F Living Room.

All Stars Volunteer Appreciation Party

## OUTREACH

### TODAY **PRAYER FOR OUR SUPPORTED PARTNER**

Indonesia is home to 34 million Sunda people, who are one of the largest unevangelised people groups in the world. Island ECC supports the Sundanese Christian Fellowship, an organisation that does person-to-person evangelism and church planting in Western Java. To find out more and learn how you can help, email [go@islandecc.hk](mailto:go@islandecc.hk).

### TODAY **HOPE OF THE CITY ORIENTATION**

Hope of the City seeks to transform the lives of the underprivileged in Hong Kong by displaying God's love in action. Join us to learn what we do and get equipped in how to serve our community together. Lunch will be provided. Today, 1:15 pm, 11/F Classroom.

### SEP-FEB **ELDERLY HOME VISIT RECRUITMENT**

We are looking for regular volunteers to visit elderlies in Ngau Tau Kok monthly to display the love of Christ. For more information, email [volunteer@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:volunteer@hopeofthecity.com).

### SEP 24 **MONGOLIA MISSION TRIP SHARING SESSION**

A team of 33 went to Mongolia this summer to serve at a local orphanage and families in Ulaanbaatar. Come and hear personal stories of what they have learned, and how God met them on the trip. Next Sunday, 1:30 - 3 pm, 10/F Auditorium.

### DEC 21-28 **PHILIPPINES MISSION TRIP**

**Information Session: 24 September / Registration Deadline: 13 October**

We will be serving a local community in Cebu, Philippines by equipping them through a leadership program. Join us at the info session next Sunday, 2 - 4:30 pm, 10/F Living Room.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### **KIDS CLUB VOLUNTEER (3PM SERVICE)**

We are in need of additional volunteers for our 3 pm Kids Club service. We are looking for small group leaders and large group leaders for Preschool and Primary children. For more information, email [kidsclub@islandecc.hk](mailto:kidsclub@islandecc.hk).

If you are interested in the opportunities below, send your CV to [hr@islandecc.hk](mailto:hr@islandecc.hk). Go to [islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities](http://islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities) for more information.

### **MINISTRY ASSISTANT**

We are looking for a friendly and energetic person with a servant heart to provide full-time administrative and logistical support for two ministries.

### **BOLD FAITH DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

This full-time position will spearhead the development of the Bold Faith Initiative to raise sufficient funds to acquire new church premises. We are looking for a mature Christian leader with managerial experience in development and fundraising.

### **SENIOR ACCOUNTANT**

We are looking for a full-time, qualified and experienced Accountant to join our Finance Team. The applicant should be skilled in multiple accounting software applications, budgeting, control and compliance, have proven supervisory experience, and have excellent English.

## NEW TO ISLAND ECC

### 1 **MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER**

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.

### 2 **VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

Check out [islandecc.hk](http://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.

### 3 **GET PLUGGED IN**

We'd love to get to know you better! If you'd like to connect with any of our specific ministries, or have questions, please feel free to contact us via the following emails.

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For other questions,  
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## Critical Condition

*Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.*

Galatians 1:10

*This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. <sup>2</sup>Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. <sup>3</sup>I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. <sup>4</sup>My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.*

1 Corinthians 4:1-4

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**Want to learn more about us?**  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

