

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2017

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Thanksgiving

Thank God I've completed another 2-year term on FLC's Management Committee. I really counted this as a blessing that I could serve on this Committee to support FLC while I'm in retirement. Since I retired from full-time ministry, many times when I began to run out of work, I quickly prayed to God that he would give me some new ministries so I might still bear fruit in his works. One of these prayers was answered two years ago when I was approached to rejoin this Committee. I hope I can still serve on this Committee for another term before my arthritis catches me up.

Working closely together with our Centre Director and Centre Accountant who sit in the regular Committee meetings, this Committee consists of five members:

1. a young experienced corporate strategist,
2. a retired project manager,
3. a human resources management professional,
4. a young pastor, and
5. myself, a retired pastor.

I must thank our LORD for the provision of these different experts and, in turn, for their support for FLC, particularly the hard work during the open day in October for our new West Ryde Centre. There were so much works and efforts in the preparation, running and closing of this event.

Just to let you in a small secret, I don't usually chair the Committee meetings. I mostly delegated the chairing of the meetings to our young pastor while I would give a devotional sharing at the beginning of each meeting to encourage the team.

Ministry

In this past year our Committee decided to do more promotion of our counselling and preventive education services to more Chinese churches in Sydney. As a result, I started to approach our supporting churches to allow us to share our work in their ministry meetings particularly in their Sunday services.

For this purpose, our corporate strategist Committee member researched our counselling statistical data, especially of the past ten years, and then reported on the analysis of these data. The finding was that there has definitely been a paradigm shift in the counselling needs among our Chinese migrant communities during our past 19 years. This finding highlighted the fact that FLC would need more support from our churches in order to improve our services to our communities. We hope to have more opportunities to visit many more Chinese churches and share this finding as well as the related messages in our Lord's Word.

Looking ahead

We shall celebrate FLC's 20th birthday next year. May He guide us to look hard and long into the future to see what we should pray and develop for our next milestone.

May He give us more dedicated FLC supporters; so we may have:

- more FLC members,
- more dedicated Christian counsellors and educators,
- staff members with Mandarin background, and
- more Management Committee members;

so that FLC can make a bigger impact on our Chinese communities.

“Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, Be strong, do not fear....”
(Isaiah 35: 3-4a)