



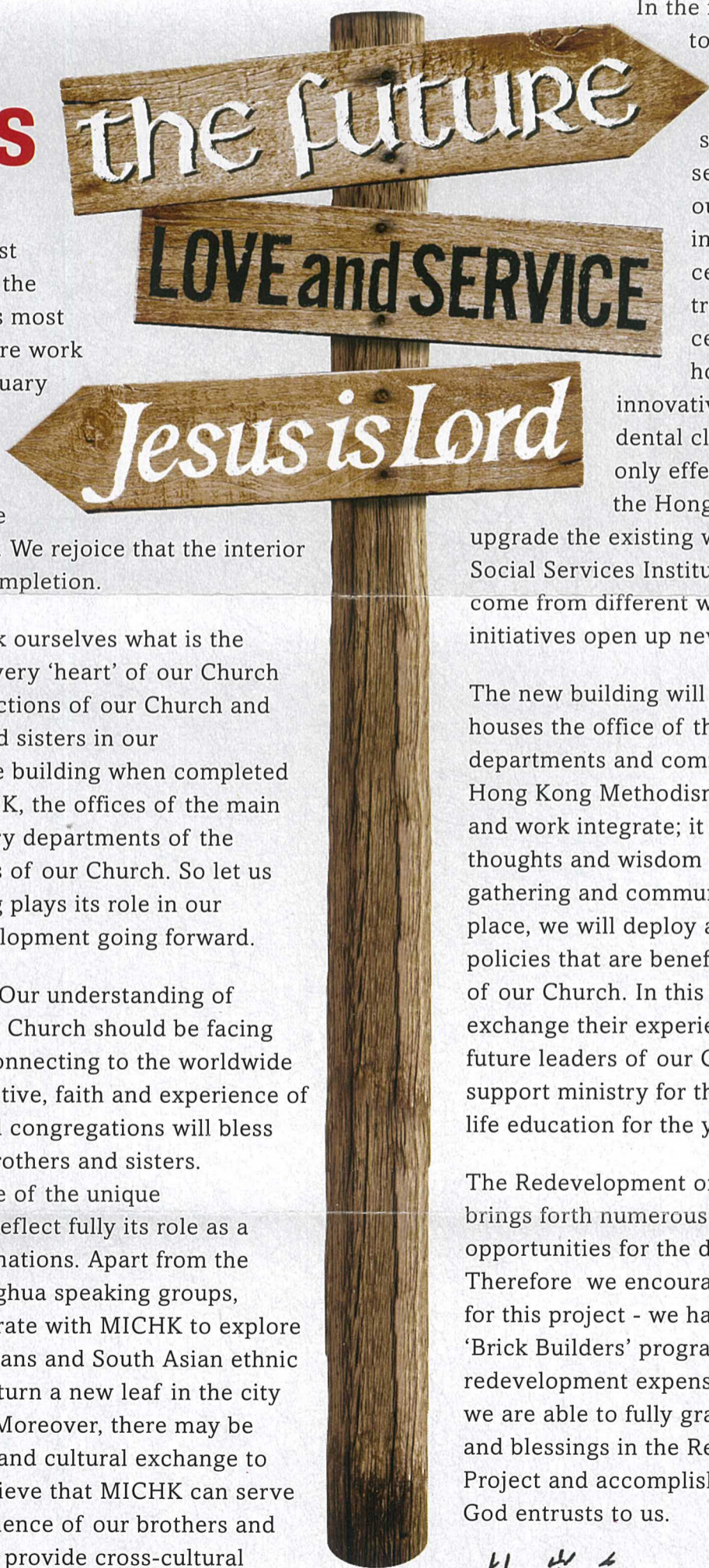
New Directions

The redevelopment of the Methodist International Church (MICHK) and the Conference Building has entered its most important phase. The superstructure work has begun and once the main sanctuary floor is complete the building will progress at speed, finishing each floor in 11 days! In this way, the 22-storey building will very soon be towering up at the present location. We rejoice that the interior design of the building is nearing completion.

At this point in time, we need to ask ourselves what is the relationship of this building at the very 'heart' of our Church with the faith we proclaim, the directions of our Church and spiritual nurture all the brothers and sisters in our congregations. Let us recall that the building when completed will comprise the ministry of MICHK, the offices of the main administration and different ministry departments of the Conference, and the Social Services of our Church. So let us now consider how this new building plays its role in our Church's future directions and development going forward.

Hong Kong is an international city. Our understanding of 'church' stresses that the Methodist Church should be facing the world, and the importance of connecting to the worldwide church. We believe that the perspective, faith and experience of both overseas and local pastors and congregations will bless and build up the lives of our own brothers and sisters.

Therefore we should take advantage of the unique characteristic of MICHK and let it reflect fully its role as a place of prayer and worship for all nations. Apart from the present English, Filipino and Putunghua speaking groups, different local churches can co-operate with MICHK to explore ministry work to the many Indonesians and South Asian ethnic groups in our community. This will turn a new leaf in the city ministry of our Methodist Church. Moreover, there may be more co-operation on faith sharing and cultural exchange to promote further integration. We believe that MICHK can serve its bridging role to enrich the experience of our brothers and sisters in church unity. It may even provide cross-cultural preparation for overseas missionary work.



In the new building three floors are assigned to social services. It is a significant commitment which reveals our conviction in the importance of showing Christ's love, as we care and serve the people with special needs in our community. We plan to set up an international training and exchange centre; SEN children support and training centre; quality life education centre (including life planning and hospice care); youth creative and

innovative centre and a barrier free access dental clinic. These innovative services will not only effectively respond to the present needs of the Hong Kong society, but will also match and upgrade the existing work of our Methodist Schools and Social Services Institutions. Our aim is to serve people who come from different walks of life and cultures and these initiatives open up new opportunities for our city ministry.

The new building will be the heart of our Church because it houses the office of the Conference, and the different departments and committees that lead the development of Hong Kong Methodism. Here will be the place where people and work integrate; it will be a 'think tank' of collective thoughts and wisdom of fellow pastors, and a platform for gathering and communication for brothers and sisters. In this place, we will deploy and allocate resources and formulate policies that are beneficial to the development of the whole of our Church. In this place, people will gather, learn and exchange their experiences. In this place we will nurture future leaders of our Church, plan overseas missionary work, support ministry for the elderly and provide pastoral care and life education for the youth in our local churches.

The Redevelopment of MICHK and the Conference Building brings forth numerous brand new possibilities and opportunities for the direction of our Church and our faith. Therefore we encourage you to support us in the fundraising for this project - we have just launched the 'Tree of Life' and 'Brick Builders' programmes to match up the redevelopment expenses. We truly hope that we are able to fully grasp God's will and blessings in the Redevelopment Project and accomplish loyally what God entrusts to us.

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The Rev Dr LAM Sung-che
President of the Methodist Church, Hong Kong



Meet Johnny Lee

Owner's Site Representative

Hi everybody, I am Johnny. My wife and I are members of Grace Methodist Church. We are a family of three, my son is going to study primary one this year. Ever since 1996 when I graduated in the UK and came back to Hong Kong, I have been serving and receiving pastoral care in this church. More than two years ago, I had the opportunity to join the Construction Committee of the MICHK Redevelopment Project. It is really God's great blessing that I can apply my work knowledge and my gift in architecture and design to serve the Lord as an Owner's Site Representative in the same project.

From 2003, I was self-employed and I had my own studio. It gave me more flexibility to serve in church which is indeed a driving force for me to run the Studio till today.

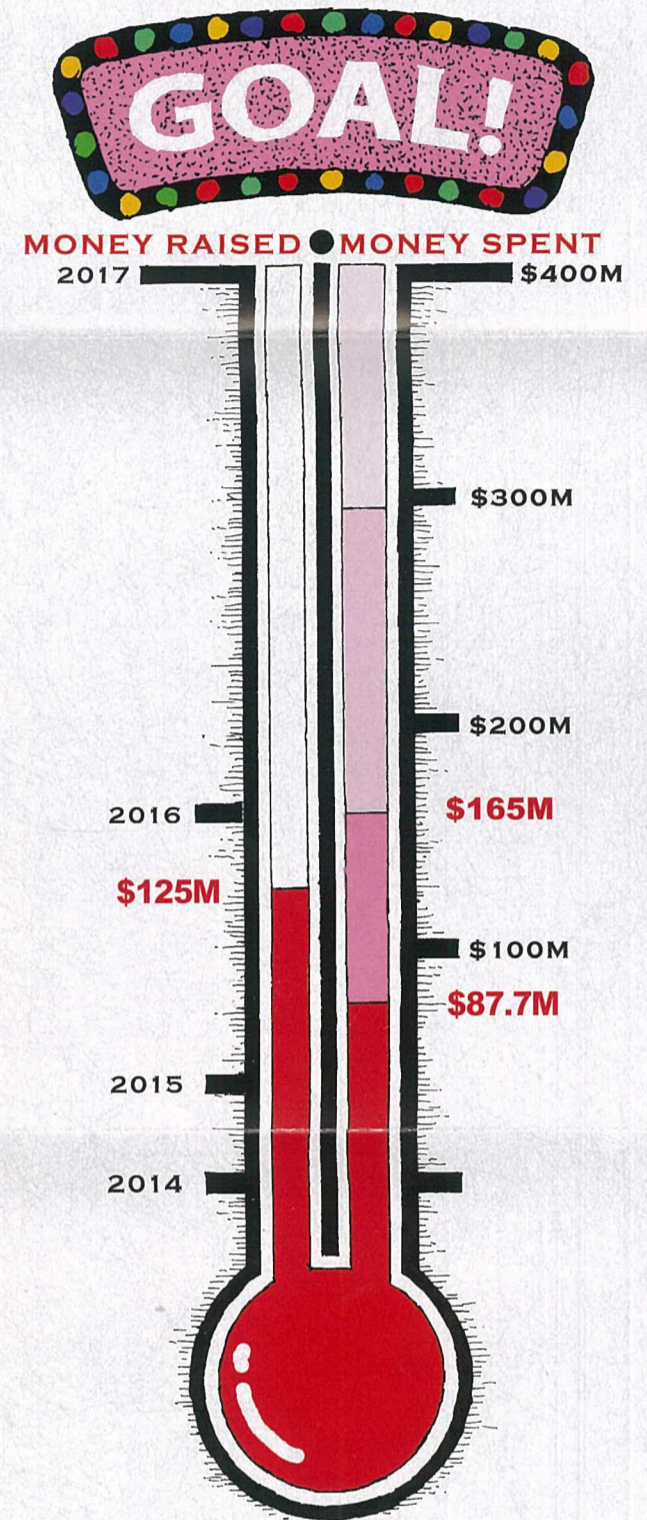


In God's guidance, we started the foundation and superstructure works about five months ago. Since March 2016, I have taken up the work of supervising contractors and consultant works on site. This is in fact God's grace for me to witness the construction of the building brick by brick. I am overwhelmed by both excitement and nervousness. Every day when I look at the construction drawings, I imagine the day when the building is completed.

Of course it is sometimes tiring to participate in different meetings and carry out the daily supervising job, but the words from the Bible reminds me, 'I am able to do all things through Him who gives me strength.' Philippians 4:13. Moreover, in the whole process, God gives me the chance to meet brothers and sisters from different local churches and I come to know more of the work of the Conference. Also, when I see people contributing in the Project, giving money, efforts and offering their time, I really feel the warmth of a family in which every member contributes their best.

Although it is only one of the building projects in my career, I see God's abundant grace and overflowing blessings in it which is far more than just a building.

Alleluia! Rejoice!
We have raised \$125million for the redevelopment!



\$59.5m Funds Raised:

Funds raised MCHK \$49,369,516
Funds raised MIC \$10,281,863

Plus:

From MIC reserve \$18,325,000
Interest free loan \$47,270,617 received

Total: \$125,246,996

Total expenditure \$87,681,859

*Figures as of 19/5/2016

造磚者計劃 BRICK BUILDERS

'Solomon began to build the house of the Lord in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah...' 2 Chronicles 3:1

Our time of excavation and site preparation is behind us, and now it's time for us to begin building a new house of the Lord in Wanchai. Donors are invited to give to the 'Brick Builders' program which will ensure that our cash flow is strong and building proceeds according to schedule. Names of each 'Brick Builder' donor will be etched in the building.

Contribution: \$50,000 for one brick

Please fill in the registration form and send it back to your local church.

I / We contribute _____ piece(s) *

*Each individual or group may contribute to a maximum of 5 bricks

Name (s) / Message to be etched *

* Each donor (individual or group) may choose to have a maximum of five names or a bible verse or a short message of thanksgiving in not more than 150 English characters (including spaces) etched on each brick. All wordings are subject to review by the Church and the decision of the Church shall be final.

Donor's Name(s)

Contact Address

Telephone no.

E-mail Address

Tree OF Life 生命樹計劃

'The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life.' Proverbs 11:30

We invite all individuals and small groups to share in the 'Tree of Life' in the new building. As each gives generously, a leaf is added to the tree with the name of the individual donor or group. Let's fill the tree with a harvest of righteousness to the glory of God.

Contribution: \$10,000 for one leaf

Please fill in the registration form and send it back to your local church.

I / We contribute _____ piece(s) *

*Each individual or group may contribute to a maximum of 5 leaves

Name (s) / Group Name to be etched *

* Maximum 50 English characters including spaces. All wordings are subject to review by the Church and the decision of the Church shall be final.

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*Merit Scheme of contribution for rooms / hall in the new building will be announced in Summer holidays.

*Faith Warriors can change previous payments to "Brick Builders" and "Tree of Life"

Offerings can be made by:

Crossed Cheque payable to 'Methodist International Church, Hong Kong' and send to Room 1302, Methodist House, 36 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong

Direct Deposit to 'Methodist International Church, Hong Kong', HSBC HK A/C #048-054605-001. Please forward the bank pay-in slip for our records.

John Wesley in his sermon on 'The Use of Money' (1744), urged Methodists to :

Gain all you can – with 'honest wisdom', 'honest industry' and without demeaning others.

Save all you can – live carefully and simply, 'not wasting God's gift'.

Give all you can – 'that you may give good account of your stewardship'.

