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We are going UP

Up was a cartoon comedy drama about an elderly widower named Carl who becomes encouraged by Russell, an earnest young Wilderness Explorer, as they set off to explore new lands. They fly Carl's home to all kinds of adventures using many thousands of balloons. The film is great fun.

Our building site is definitely going Up! Both young and old are involved and there are thousands of supporters with gifts and prayers who are making it happen. Your prayers and gifts are bearing the building aloft and there will be all kinds of adventures of faith in the future!

It has been more than two years since we left the old MIC and growth has seemed slow, careful and deliberate - but like bamboo, after a slow germination period, it will rise up quickly. Already the sanctuary is taking shape and the scaffolding is reaching skyward.

Up describes our prayers – seeking God's wisdom in every aspect of the preparation for our new building. Praying for the refining of our vision for the building, clarifying the vision for its social service floors, the detail of the children's ministry made possible by its dedicated space, the resources needed to minister to young people, the operation of bible study and fellowship groups. Let us also pray for the safety of the construction team and wisdom as our construction committee guide the detail of the development.

Up describes our planning for the way the fabulous pastoral design of the building will be evidenced in the welcome people receive as they enter; the place to pause and pray, the small coffee shop at the ground floor. Up defines the foresight needed in our planning of the sanctuary and the rooms on each floor.

Up is (nearly), our time away from MIC. The congregations of MIC are beginning to see that we are past the tipping point of our time away from the MIC building. Already it is 26 months since we left and now we may only be 16 months before we return. Those months will soon be 'up' and with joy the congregations will return ahead of the official opening in the spring of 2018.

Up denotes the amount of funds being raised to pay for this remarkable redevelopment. We are already more than one third of

the way. I know I speak on behalf of all the MCHK leaders when I say 'Thank you!' to you for your generous and sacrificial giving. Of course there is significantly more to do but we have made substantial strides towards the final total. One aspect which we should note is that the cost is not going up. In fact we are presently on time and to budget. Our gratitude for that is due to Stuart Chen and his team of our members who work with Rocco's team and the Penta Ocean builders to ensure we have the right design at the best price.

On the 19 November we will be celebrating the laying of the Foundation Stone of the building. That is always a sign that the construction is confidently going Up. In the same way that a marriage ceremony is not the beginning of the relationship so the Foundation Stone Laying ceremony is not the commencement of the work. It is also a celebration of the confidence that the Church and its contractors have that this building will be completed, the fullness of its ministry will begin on time.

The bamboo scaffolding is going Up. It also becomes for us an image of what is happening to our whole Methodist Church in Hong Kong. Such scaffolding is strong and yet flexible, it resists the wind yet bends sufficiently not to be blown down. We resist aspects of the culture of Hong Kong, the obsessive consumerism of our society, the interference by administrators in the democratic process of who can stand for office; the neglect of the poor in a community of obvious wealth; but we have to live in this community as well as speaking prophetically to it; to deal with the art of the possible in community politics. For these reasons we are committed to our policies of Education, Social Services, Pastoral Care and Evangelism.

So in every way the new Methodist International Church and Conference Building is going 'Up'. May we rise to the challenge and demands of this remarkable project to the glory of God.

Howard Mellor

Rev'd Dr Howard Mellor



Meet Christine Ma

Project Officer



Hi everyone! I am pleased to introduce myself here. I am Christine Ma, the new project officer in the MICHK Redevelopment Project.

I have been working in the marketing field and have been involved in promotion and event planning work. I am therefore more inclined to pay extra attention to all promotional materials. That was in 2013 when I first came across the first issue of the MICHK Herald. I was deeply impressed by the full page model image of our new MICHK. Gradually, I have come to understand more and more how large a scale and how meaningful the Redevelopment Project is, an urge develops in me that it is worthwhile to promote this project among brothers and sisters with a view that more people will be involved and committed to the Project. In the beginning of the year, it happened that the Conference was recruiting staff to help in the promotion and fundraising work for the Redevelopment Project. Plucked up by courage, I submitted my application. With God's grace and guidance, today I am not just a reader of the MICHK Herald, but a member of this Redevelopment Project, working for the Church of my Lord.

At present, my major duties include managing the donors' records, planning for the October

Walkathon, updating the Facebook page, etc. It is in fact a great challenge

when facing the huge fund raising goal. Sometimes when looking at the financial report, the astronomical figures to me, seem beyond reach. However, no matter how impossible in the human eye, in God, everything is possible. He asks us to learn full reliance on Him with our faith, trusting that He will surely work with us to accomplish this wonderful task! Here, may I ask for your prayers and guidance so that this new and inexperienced worker can quickly settle in the new post, and work with you all to build our new church!

This year is also the 10th Anniversary of my baptism and joining the Ward Memorial Methodist Church. I am now serving in the Worship Team. In the past, I had served the Youth Fellowship and joined activities organized by the Conference such as "Walk to Emmaus". All these help me grow in my spiritual life. In my spare time, I love the "downshifting" approach in life, fully enjoying rest and eating, slowing down my pace to get together with family and friends. However, now I need to "hurry", keeping up my pace in preparing for my future new family!

Alleluia! Rejoice!

Up to 7 September 2016, we have raised \$173million from donations, loans and sale of assets. The cash balance in the bank account is about \$71million, we need another \$277million cashflow to cover the overall \$450million construction costs.

\$71m Funds Raised:

Funds raised MCHK	\$60,146,616
Funds raised MIC	\$10,655,041
Sub-total:	\$70,801,657

Plus other income:

MIC reserve	\$18,325,000
Sale of assets by MCHK	\$36,320,000
Interest free loan received	\$47,770,617
Sub-total:	\$102,415,617

Total funds: \$173,217,274
Expenditures: \$101,493,983
Cash in bank: \$71,723,291

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

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.

Donor's Name(s)

Contact Address

Telephone no.

E-mail Address

*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"



日期 30/10/2016 主日
Date 30/10/2016 Sunday
時間 3:15pm
地點 青洲海濱公園
Tsing Yi Promenade
集合地點 青洲海濱公園露天廣場
Tsing Yi Promenade Piazza
集會地點 (青洲海濱公園地下近麥當勞出口左轉)
Gathering Point (Turn left at the Exit near McDonald's at G/F, Maritime Square Shopping Mall)

步行籌款暨城市定向比賽
Walkathon & Orienteering Competition
比賽組別 公開組: 教牧同工及會友
Classes Open: Pastoral Workers & Members of MCHK
中學組: 本會中學學生
Secondary: Students from Secondary Schools of MCHK
親子組: 本會小學、幼稚園、幼兒園學生及其家長
Family: Students and Parents from Primary Schools, Kindergartens and Nursery Schools of MCHK

目標 Target \$3百萬元 Million

步行籌款報名 Walkathon Registration 請向所屬堂會報名 Please register at your Local Church
定向比賽規則及報名表下載 Orienteering Competition Details and Enrollment Form <http://www.methodist.org.hk/rds/miicob>
查詢 Enquiries 2528 0196

Tree of Life

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

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'.

