



# mic 新禧 herald

循道衛理聯合教會國際禮拜堂

## Homecoming

The congregation of Methodist International Church (MIC) has sometimes described its present state as like an exile, a wandering from its 'homeland' and as if they are waiting a great return to a land flowing with milk and honey, a land of promise. I suspect, like the Israelites, much has been learnt along this journey, in this wandering state, perhaps much that will not be fully realised until the congregation finally gets 'home' and what a homecoming it will be!

I am always saddened when I reflect upon the Israelites who were freed from slavery in Egypt and led across the Red Sea, after it miraculously parted and into the desert, in which they were miraculously fed and watered - that when they arrived on the edge of the promised land they had neither the trust nor the faith in God to enter in. This failure of trust led to a further forty years of desert wandering. They did not have enough trust in either Moses or God and



As we see the new building emerge from its green protective netting, excitement grows as we know we are close to being able to enter in and inhabit this wonderful place of habitation and mission. This we pray will be a place in which God may be encountered, lives transformed through the power of the Cross of Christ and dry bones brought back to life. This is a land we pray not just for ourselves to live comfortably in but a place where all may find a home and in finding a home might encounter the living God and be sent out into the entire world.

May the God of the past be the God of the present and the God of our future.



Revd Eden J. Fletcher



did not think they could enter the land because they trusted only in their own strength and not in God, so they walked away.

MIC is now standing on the very edge of the new building being opened and ready for

occupation. Undoubtedly, there will be some nervousness about entering and there may be many questions: how shall we inhabit the building? How will we pay for it? What will we do with all those floors and all that space? Perhaps we should learn from the Israelites and trust that the God who has led us on this journey will not leave us now for the God who leads is the God who has also gone before. This God has taught us to trust him for all things and this God reminds us that it is not in our own strength that we shall conquer but in His.



## I look forward to...

### Antonio Chan:



I look forward to the move into the new MIC building that will become a constant reminder of God's grace and faithfulness, and our stewardship for evangelism, discipleship and service.

### Josephine Chan:



I look forward to the koinonia feasts, one after the other, with great fellowship, fun & FOOD!

### Sandy Chan:



I look forward to serving the neighbour in Wanchai, loving one another in multi-cultural congregation.

### Rebekah Chen:



I look forward to praising God with our little ones in this Holy Place.

### Anita Lai:



I look forward to getting closer to God in the new state of the art building now that we are 22 levels higher.

### Paul Mak:



I look forward to hearing all the joyful noise and seeing all the smiling faces! And it will be super packed!!

### Leona Lo:



I look forward to all the amazing things God will inspire us to do as His people. For His kingdom here in MIC.

### Susan Dillozon:



I look forward to be more deeply engage with various church ministries thru the MIC.

### Nathan Chau:



I look forward to seeing how God might build us up as a people and show his glory in the city of Hong Kong, the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area and beyond.

### Ray Sison:

As I think about moving into the new MIC building I'm excited about experiencing God's embrace --  
 as I sit in the main sanctuary and look at the empty cross  
 or listen to our choirs singing together  
 or sit in prayer with a group in one of the prayer chapels or corners  
 or look out over the city from the sky chapel  
 or counsel with a couple  
 or watch the ebb and flow of people coming in and out,  
 up and down  
 making the building their home  
 -- embraced by their presence -- God's presence  
 embraced by the flow of God's love  
 as I, too, find a new home.



### Vida Sison:

Looking forward to doing amazing things that God has in store for us!

**we build · we share**  
**we are ONE**  
 Walkathon & Carnival

重建國際禮拜堂暨  
 總議會大樓計劃  
 REDEVELOPMENT OF MICHK & CONFERENCE BUILDING

日期 Date: 22/10/2017 主日 Sunday  
 起步禮時間 Kick-off Ceremony Time: 3:30pm  
 地點 Venue: 將軍澳海濱公園 Tseung Kwan O Waterfront Park  
 集合處 Gathering Point: 將軍澳循道衛理小學 Tseung Kwan O Methodist Primary School  
 15 Tong Chun Street, Tseung Kwan O Exit A2, Tseung Kwan O MTR Station

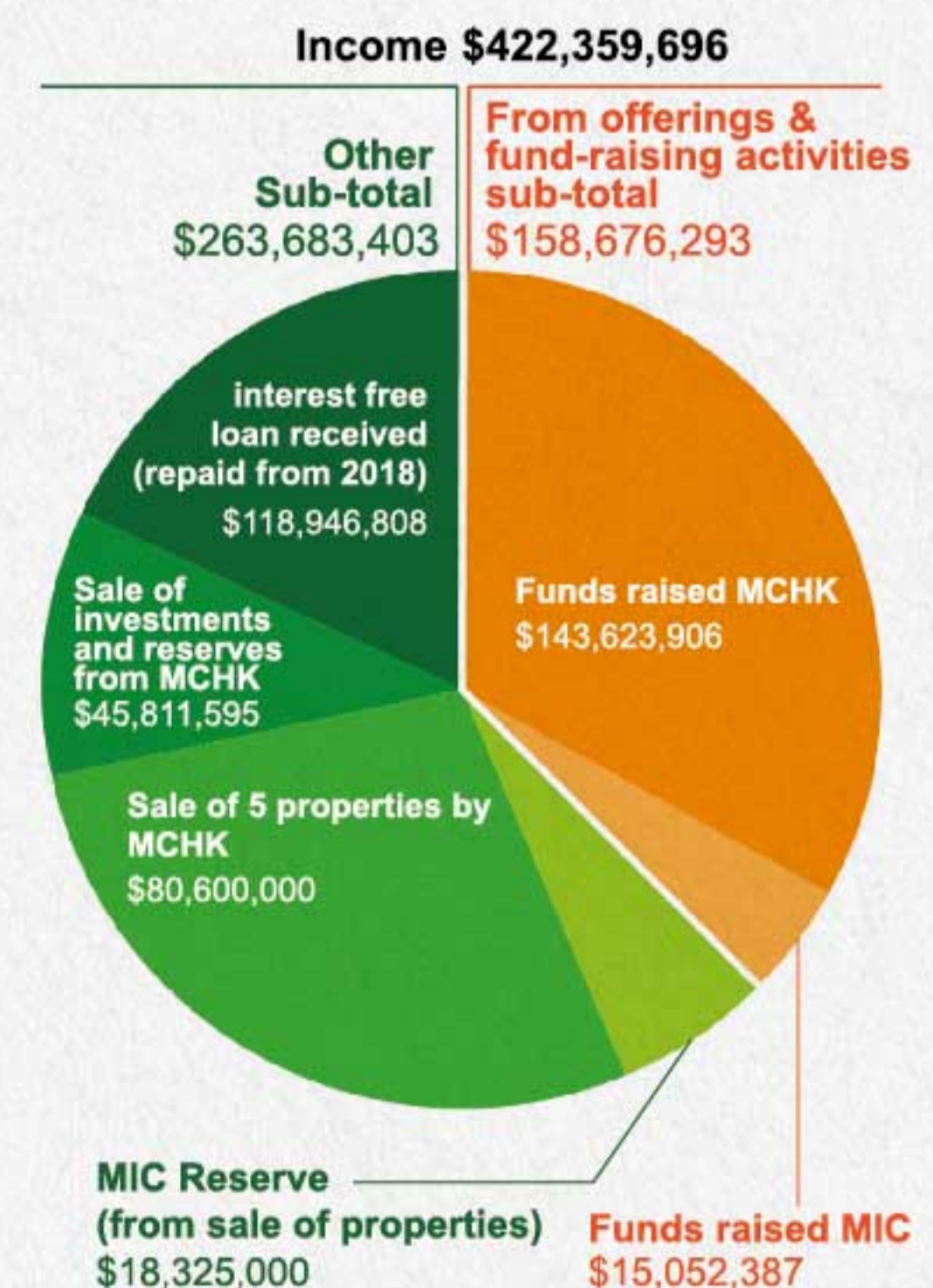
3:00-6:00pm  
 場內設有美食及大型遊戲嘉年華  
 不容錯過!  
 Please also join our Carnival!

請向所屬堂會報名  
 Please register at your Local Church  
 查詢 Enquiries: 2528 0186

嘉年華會 目標 Target  
 \$3 百萬元 Million

## Alleluia! Rejoice!

Up to 30th September 2017, we have raised \$422 million from donations, loans and sale of assets. With expenses of \$291,419,075, the cash balance in the project account is around \$130 million. We need another \$48 million cash to cover the overall \$470 million construction costs.



## 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'.