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## Equipping Sunday – Worship Order

### Prelude

### Call to Worship – Psalm 145:10-12

*All your works praise you, LORD; your faithful people extol you.  
They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,  
so that all people may know of your mighty acts  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.*

### Songs of Praise

### Corporate Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

### Scripture Reading – Hebrews 5:11-6:12

### Sermon – Milk or Meat?

### Response Song

### Offertory Prayer

### Welcome & Family News

### Monthly Bible Verse – Colossians 3:9-10

*Do not lie to each other,  
since you have taken off your old self with its practices  
and have put on the new self,  
which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.*

### Doxology & Benediction

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<b>Guest Speaker:</b>	Mr. Joseph Ho	<b>Chairperson:</b>	Joseph Trinh
<b>Praise Leader:</b>	Marianna Yu & Fri Team	<b>Scripture Reader:</b>	Samuel So
<b>Pianist:</b>	Sarah Chow	<b>PowerPoint:</b>	David Yeung
<b>Welcome Team:</b>	Josephine Kam, Abeline Quebatay, Matthew Kam		
<b>Offering Counters:</b>	Kent Ang, Carman Chan		
<b>Sound System:</b>	Amanda Chan, Bono Lee, Clarence Fok		

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For onsite meeting guidelines and prevention measures, [click here](#).  
For worship service arrangements in extreme weather, [click here](#) for details.

## Thoughts on a Recent “Macedonian Call”...

By Rev Wayne Cheung

It was earlier known that the leader of a small group was planning to emigrate overseas. It gave rise to doubts about how that group would continue to “operate.” After some deliberations and encouragement, two members were moved by God and were willing to be the group leaders finally. The rest of the group also know that they would all have to share the responsibilities and complement each other in order that the spiritual fellowship that had been built up in the Lord over the years can be sustained. However, the group members still had worries that they would not know how to lead Bible studies and were concerned and anxious about the arrangement to take turns to lead. The 10 members therefore invited the pastor to train them up in leading group Bible studies.

Knowing that some were willing to receive training, I should be really eager and glad. But I was in a dilemma when I thought about my “fully packed” work. After praying and careful assessment, I considered the invitation as a modern version of the “Macedonian call.” Then I immediately started planning a special group leader training on four evenings. The participants committed themselves to not take leave, to fulfil their responsibilities and to hand in their assignments. All this showed their wish to take mutual responsibility. I was excited when I knew this. In the old days, Paul saw in the night a vision from Macedonia which asked for his help in preaching the gospel (Acts 16:6-10). Paul and his companions obeyed the guidance of the Holy Spirit, which saw the start of the spread of the gospel in Europe. It marked a turning point of the advancement of the church westward.

In today’s context, there are three noteworthy points in the equipping ministry of the church. First, we need to **strengthen the basis and plan for the future**. The church is the epitome of society. At a time of drastic changes in the overall environment, our equipping work needs to have two objectives: nurturing of faith and training of believers. In particular, the nurturing of new believers, Christian education for various age groups, discipleship and leadership training will need to develop further building on the past. Related training needs to be planned and promoted with a mindset that is innovative and appropriate for our age so that the training will meet the actual spiritual needs of the church and believers.

Secondly, we need to **be flexible and adaptive to needs**. On top of regular shepherding and training, we have to be sensitive to believers’ actual longing and needs. We need to be more effective in the deployment of resources and develop more suitable training to equip believers. For sure, for the equipping ministry to achieve the above effects, pastors and leaders, believers and trainees must all be committed. The trainers, in addition to providing appropriate training materials to facilitate interactive learning, need also to provide timely responses to needs. Learners should be humble and willing to learn, putting in effort and time.

Finally, if the equipping ministry can **take advantage of synergy and Internet packages**, church ministries will no doubt be more fruitful. With the rapid development of science and technology, new artificial intelligence software has even become the focal point of the market. But that said, the overwhelming amount of information is hard to absorb or digest. The challenges arising must not be overlooked. The crux of the matter is whether we have provided more spiritually rich information to consolidate and deepen the faith of believers. Therefore, the church’s Equip Department needs to know what it is doing, and make good use of the Internet and social media.

Read the article online: <https://npacem.org/ps20230312/>

## Family News

### 1. Regular meetings

- **Gatekeepers** (secondary school): Fri, 7:30-9:30pm, Rm 219  

<u>Mar 17</u> Topical: Other Religions	<u>24</u> Treasure Room: Disabilities
<u>31</u> Extra: Free Play	<u>Apr 7</u> Good Friday & Breakfast
- **Peacemakers** (uni students & above): Fri, 8-10pm, Rms 217-8  

<u>Mar 17</u> Group Night	<u>24</u> Prayer Meeting
<u>31</u> Sexuality Part 2	<u>Apr 7-9</u> Good Friday & Camp
- **Tentmakers** (young working adults): Sat, 5-6:30pm, Rms 217-8  

<u>Mar 25</u> Topical: Spiritual Disciplines	<u>Apr 7</u> Good Friday & Lunch
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- **Joint Adult Fellowship:** Prayer Meeting; Sun Mar 12 (TODAY), 1:30-3pm, Rms 217-218; Children's Room: Rm 219
- **Couples Fellowship:** Book Study: Growing Old Gracefully (Chapters 11-13); Sun Mar 26, 1:30-3pm, Rms 217-218; Children's Room: Rm 219
- **Women's Fellowship:** Behold the Lamb of God; Sun Mar 26, 1:30-3pm, Rm 215
- **EM Prayer Meeting:** Sun morning, 8:30-9am, Rm 204
- **Sunday School** (Children, youth and adults): Sun from 9:15-10:20am
- **Children's Program:** For children aged 3-10 during English worship service; CP2: Rm 219; CP3: Rm 211

### 2. Other meetings

- **Sunday School Teachers Monthly Prayer Meetings:** Sun Apr 2, after worship service
- **Men's Group Meeting:** Lunch (place TBC), Sat Mar 18, 12:30-2:30pm

### 3. NPAC Membership Application: Starting from Sat April 1, the NPAC will continue to operate as "C&MA North Point Alliance Church Limited" (Church Company). All members of the NPAC (whether baptized at our church or have had their membership transferred from other churches) are to fill out the "Membership Application Form" to change their membership to the new members register of the Church Company.

For application, (a) [click here](#) to fill out and submit the form online, or (b) download the form, fill it out and send it to [member.registration@npac.org.hk](mailto:member.registration@npac.org.hk) or WhatsApp: 2979-3622 or fax: 2806-3221, or (c) get the paper form from the reception, fill it out and submit it to the reception. Please tick "apply for membership...", fill out your contact info and your consent of use of personal data. All forms must be signed. It will need about a month to process. If needed, our staff will contact the applicant. *Enquiries:* 2979-3600

To learn more about the restructuring of the NPAC family, please [read the Pastor's Sharing dated Mar 5](#).

### 4. EM Thailand Mission Trip (Chiang Mai): Tue Jul 18-Thu Jul 27 (10 days); *Itinerary:* Teach in a kindergarten, play sports with young people, visit families, prepare and lead activities with local Christians, experience the local culture (including language learning), get to know the missionaries. *Cost:* About HK\$6,400-6,800 (NPAC members/students can apply for subsidy); *Pre-trip meeting dates:* Sun Apr 30, Jun 11 & Jul 9, 2-4pm. *Application:* Get the application form from our Info Table and return it by Sun Mar 26. *Enquiries:* Rev. Stera.

- 5. Receipt of offerings:** The receipt of offerings (2022-2023) will be sent to brothers and sisters in Apr. If you wish your offering to be counted within the fiscal year of Apr 1, 2022 to Mar 31, 2023, please have your cheque sent to the NPAC, or bank transfer to be processed by Fri Mar 31. For changes in postal address, get the "Change of Address Form" from the reception or email [info@npac.org.hk](mailto:info@npac.org.hk) with your new address, old address and telephone number for verification. *Enquiries: 2979-3600.*
- 6. Unmasking, Eating & Drinking:** We can now come back to church without wearing masks. Eating and drinking at church premises is allowed (except in worship halls). Please respect each other for their preference of wearing or not wearing masks. Please stay home to rest and join us through online broadcast if you have fever or are sick. For eating and drinking at church, please prepare your own utensils and clean up the place afterwards.
- 7. [More news on Chinese Bulletin P.7] Elderly Gospel Class:** Tailored for seekers and new believers of 65 and up; **Home Visits to Elderly Training:** For those interested in learning and joining the Elderly Ministry to give care to the elderly in the NPAC; **Behold the Man!** Contemplate the passion and resurrection of Christ from traditional western paintings: No sign up is needed, you can invite your Chinese speaking non-believing friends.

### Prayer Corner

We pray for your personal needs, your unbelieving friends, and families. Please find and join our prayer meeting outside the A/V Room after the worship service.

### Tithe & Offering

Tithe & offering will be collected in the red offering bags at the end of the worship service at the entrance of the worship hall. Charity offering (every 4<sup>th</sup> Sun) will be collected in the green bag. Please prayerfully prepare beforehand. For other collection channels, please [click here](#).

## Prayer Items

- 1. NPAC:** Pray for us all to continue to walk together and edify one another while resuming our church life after the pandemic. Ask God for wisdom and love to care for those affected by the pandemic and emigration in the past few years. Pray for our faith in God to stand firm and our commitment to spiritual growth, mission, spreading the gospel, and bringing people into God's Kingdom through our daily testimonies and ministries.
- 2. EM's Mission Trip:** Pray for the trip's preparation and the arrangements of activities. Pray for the readiness of our brothers and sisters who are considering joining. Continue to pray for Thailand for their spiritual needs and God's mercy for the people in the country (please refer to [last week's prayer item](#) for Thailand).
- 3. Equipping Sunday:** Ask God to equip us with sound Bible teaching in all Sunday School classes. Pray for us all to grow in the knowledge of and relationship with God. Pray for us all to be transformed by learning the Bible and practicing the truth. Pray that we will be able to teach others and raise younger generations for God. Ask God to protect us from trials and temptations that lead us astray and to strengthen us to triumph in the Lord in all circumstances.

**Next Sun Mar 19:** Speaker: Rev. Stera Chan ("Share life's meaning with others," Exodus 20:15; Isaiah 1:21-26; Proverbs 19:23-24); Chairperson: Joshua Kan; Praise Leader: Joshua Kan & Team; Pianist: Minnie Ho; Scripture Reader: Edna Sable; Welcome Team: Ailene Almodiente, Faith Trinh, Abeline Quebatay; Offering Counter: Beatrice Wong, Veronica Tamondong; PowerPoint: Claire Liao.