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Mission Sunday – Worship Order

Prelude

Call to Worship – Psalm 28:6-7

*Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy.
The LORD is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.
My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.*

Songs of Praise

Corporate Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading – 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Sermon – Removing the Veil

Response Song

Tithe & Offering

Welcome & Family News

Monthly Bible Verse – Isaiah 12:5

*Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;
let this be known to all the world.*

Doxology & Benediction

Postlude

Guest Speaker:	<i>Dr. Colleen Yim</i>	Chairperson:	<i>Moses Chen</i>
Praise Team:	<i>Sarah Chow & Peacemakers</i>	Scripture Reader:	<i>Wilson Lam</i>
Pianist:	<i>Vincy Ng</i>	PowerPoint:	<i>Kent Ang</i>
Welcome Team:	<i>Peacemakers – Uno Tai, Cyndi Siu, Yahoo Wong, Lilian Chow</i>		
Offering Counters:	<i>Josephine Kam, Veronica Tamondong</i>		
Sound System:	<i>Amanda Chan, Bono Lee, Clarence Fok, Christine Cheung</i>		

For Live broadcast, [click here](#) or search "NPAC English Worship Service" on YouTube (recording available until Tue).

For onsite meeting guidelines and prevention measures, [click here](#).

In case of extreme weather (Typhoon no. 8), there will be no onsite service. Please join our [service online](#).

Tithe & offering details: [Click Here](#).

What NPAC's Mission Stories Tell Us

By Rev Arnold Chow

NPAC's mission stories over the years and the pioneer church planting history of the forerunners of the Christian & Missionary Alliance (C&MA) tell us seven things:

1. The path of mission is pitted with challenges and hardships, many of them beyond our imagination. Going on mission is not an honorable option to escape predicament in real life. It is a life choice for total offering, voluntary surrender, and absolute obedience to the LORD's will. Such courage, faith and commitment are something today's believers need to learn.

2. Even if the worst possible situation happens, mission is still a path of grace. Missionaries shed blood and tears on the hard soil for the gospel, offer prayers, toil and sweat. Their work may not bear instant fruit but in hindsight, the fruit the LORD brings forth is always evident. C&MA mission work is one of such struggles and persistence. Looking back at the missionaries to China, who would have thought that more than a hundred years later, Hong Kong would become a base for mission among Chinese?

3. Mission is the LORD's plan, not the church's achievement. What the church needs to do is to actively tie in with God's plan and do its best to arrange the work. No single church or mission agency can do all the mission work. The church cannot confine itself to its member churches, region or denomination. Collaborating with others and forming alliances for the gospel is still the most effective strategy.

4. Mission calls for a great deal of human and financial resources, but ultimately it is the LORD who provides. When the church is willing to do it, the LORD will use the church to accomplish His work. If brothers and sisters are willing to make a faith offering pledge, the church will be able to continue, by faith, to support mission work. The church has to shoulder the responsibility of furnishing supply according to its own scale. For well-

attended churches with plentiful financial offering, they should, just like the Egyptian storehouses managed by Joseph, stock up during the good years and distribute when famine strikes. This way, mission work near and far can continue to be provided for.

5. Mission work will be difficult to progress without some in the church to mobilize. Teaching believers to care for mission should be an ongoing effort of the church. In fact, a lot of passion for mission ignited within the church could grow cold once the believer steps outside the worship hall. Over the years, the church has been mobilizing through mission conference, short-term mission trips, missionary care groups, short-term missionaries and mission ambassadors. Hereafter, the church will need to find a new model suitable for this era.

6. The home front for mission cannot really "stay behind." The warfare does not just take place on the frontline. Everybody must be assigned tasks. We can win the war only when everybody recognizes he has a part in mission, that he is not just a bystander waiting for others to help. It is the same with the Great Commission. Paul first liaised with believers in different churches. Whether they are rich or poor, everybody could serve as missionaries, helpers, financial supporters, or prayer warriors.

7. The networked world and the world in post-pandemic times is still one that our Heavenly Father deeply loves. Mission has been the church's mission since the early church. If the church stops having mission, there can only be two reasons: first, Christ the Lord has returned; and second, the church is no longer the church. That is why the church should continue to send people, to take the gospel to unreached peoples and lands where the name of Jesus has not been heard before.

(Excerpt from the epilogue of *The Path of Grace – A Quest for Mission Corners*)

Read the article online: <https://npacem.org/ps20230917/>

Family News

1. Regular meetings

- **Gatekeepers** (secondary school): Fri, 7:30-9:30pm, Rm 219
Sep 22 Treasure Room: Mission 29 No Meeting
Oct 6 Bible Study: The Beginning 13 Special: Outing
- **Peacemakers** (uni students & above): Fri, 8-10pm, Rms 217-8
Sep 22 Book Study 4: The Radical Disciple 29 No Meeting
Oct 6 Bible Study: Sermon on the Mount 13 Prayer Meeting
- **Tentmakers** (young working adults): Sat, 5-6:30pm, Rms 217-8
Sep 23 Spiritual Discipline: Devotional Oct 14 *Retreat: Thy Will be Done*
- **Couples Fellowship**: Book Study: Growing Old Gracefully (Chapters 17-18); Sun Sep 24, 1:30-3pm, Rms 217-8; Children's Room: Rm 219
- **Women's Fellowship**: The Gospel of John; Sun Sep 24, 1:30-3:15pm, Rm 215
- **Joint Adult Fellowship**: Outing; Sun Oct 8, details to be decided
- **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 Oct 1, after worship service
- **Men's Group Meeting (Oct) – Topic: TBD**: Sat Oct 21, 2:45-4:30pm; Rm 215, [Click here](#) to sign up or for details. *Enquiries*: Pastor Lawrence.

3. NPAC 49th Mission Conference “Go! Send Them My Love – Mission to Nepal and India 差爾傳愛，心印萬民”.

- a. **Mission Sunday**: Sat Sep 16 & Sun Sep 17 (TODAY), at all NPAC worship services.
- b. **Mission Journal 2023 (in Chinese)**: Learn more about NPAC supported missionaries and more. Pick up a print copy at our Info Table after worship service.
- c. **Response Forms (in English)**: Respond to God's call, fill out the response forms below:
 - **Mission Sunday**: <http://bit.ly/2023MissionSunday> (Submit by: Sun Sep 24)
 - **Prayer Tower**: bit.ly/2023PrayerTower (Submit by: Sun Oct 15)
 - **Pledge of Faith Offering**: Please pray and prepare for our responses next Sun.
- d. **Mission Book Stall**: After all worship services in Main Church and Truth Centre [For more details: Chinese bulletin P. 5]
- e. **For all information** about NPAC Mission Month: [Click here](#).
- f. **More updates** on Mission Conference available on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

- 4. NPAC's 15th Winter Camp "Selected Reading from Ezekiel – Order in Chaos, Confidence in Life" 「亂中尋序 笑傲人生」** : *Speaker*: Dr. Johnson Yip (葉希賢博士, Director of Theological Education for All Christians, CGST); *Date & Time*: Mon Dec 25, 2:30–9pm, Tue Dec 26 9:30am–5pm; *Venue*: NPAC; *Language*: Cantonese; *Fee*: Freewill offering. *Registration*: Through NPAC Connect App; *Registration Deadline*: Sun Nov 5. [For more details, Chinese bulletin P. 6]
- 5. NPAC 71st Anniversary – "The Path of Grace" series individual order**: NPAC has published the "The Path of Grace" series (Chinese), reflecting together on God's works in NPAC. The series includes: 1) 宣道會北角堂六十年之歷史; 2) 宣道會北角堂之屬靈傳統; 3) 細味北宣擴堂故事; 4) 尋找差傳之角落. For more details, [click here](#). If you want to order the books, please sign up at the Info table or send an email to us (em@npac.org.hk) by Sun Oct 1.
- 6. NPAC Anniversary Evangelistic Meeting – "From Resuming Normalcy to Reconciliation: Living a Life of Abundant Grace 從復常到復和「寬恩人生」"**: Invite your unbelieving friends and families! *Speaker*: Dr. Ronald Chen 陳玉麟弟兄 (Psychiatrist), *Program*: Praise and gospel message; *Topics*: "Family" (Fri Oct 6); "Workplace" (Sat Oct 7); *Time*: 8pm; *Venue*: Main Church (with live online broadcast); *Enquiries*: Ms Resanda Lai (2909-9700).

Prayer Corner

Come to the Prayer Corner to pray for the needs and salvation of your unbelieving families and friends. We have also prepared some special Bible verse bookmarks for you to share with your friends and families.

What's at our Info Table?

Gospel tracts, evangelism resources, Bible reading plans, devotional materials, *barnabasaid*, and much more!

Prayer Items

- 1. India** has the most unreached people groups in the world, with 95% of Indians never heard of Jesus. Christianity is viewed as a threat. Anti-conversion laws and persecution make it challenging to share the gospel. Pray for the barriers to be broken by the power of the gospel. Pray that the gospel will reach remote places and the hearts of all who have yet to hear Jesus. Pray for justice and hope to prevail in oppression, and bring restoration. [More info here](#).
- 2. Mission Month**: Pray for those who have made commitments at the Mission Conference and Mission Sunday. Pray for their discernment of God's will and obedience to follow. Pray for our readiness to participate in God's mission through prayers, finances and personal involvement.
- 3. Our brothers and sisters**: Remember those who are physically sick, and those who are stressed over family, work or study. Pray for them to find strength in the Lord and spiritual companionship to walk together.

Next Sun Sep 24: Speaker: Rev. Stera Chan ("Hold Fast to Our Faith, Offer with a Willing Heart", Nehemiah 10:32-39; 11:1-4a; 12:24-31a, 40-43); Chairperson: Joseph Trinh; Praise Team: Joseph Trinh & Fri Team; Pianist: Nathan Ng; Scripture Reader: Howard Liu; Welcome Team: Jasmin Delos Reyes, Faith Trinh, Brian Tse, Ailene Almodiente; Offering Counters: Heidi Kan, Fenny Wong, Roland Bruce, Vincy Ng; PowerPoint: Bonnie Chin.