

## Light of Christ Report for 2020

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever." – Psalms 136:1*

2020 is now history and we are still impacted by it. There were challenges as we adapted to the changes and impact of the pandemic personally and corporately. Immanuel and Light of Christ are no exceptions and we made adjustments to our methods and practices of doing ministry and mission. In spite of all these challenges, we have made headway as God guided us to expand our ministries instead of shrinking them. God has been good to us and we want to wholeheartedly give praise and thanks to Him for His goodness. Here is a brief report of what was accomplished with God's help at Light of Christ in the year 2020:

1. More than 70% of our members were in worship each week either in-person or on-line.
2. We have several on-line Bible study classes held weekly and were well attended:
  - i) Thursday morning – Chinese Community seniors led by Helen Qiu, Center director.
  - ii) Friday evening – 2 classes: Chinese Bible Class on the book of Galatians led by various lay leaders and an English Bible class on the Book of Judges led by Pastor Lim.
  - iii) Saturday morning - Men's group devotional study on the book of Psalms.
  - iv) Sunday morning – 3 classes: Chinese Bible Class on Mark Gospel led by Kan Hsu; Basic Christianity class conducted by various lay leaders and English Bible class on the Epistles led by Tim Schaff.
3. Our senior Fellowship continues to meet regularly on the 4th Saturday of each month.
4. Our on-going lay-training on-line session is being held once a month with close to 40 people attending.
5. We received 6 new members – 2 by adult baptism and 4 adults by transfer of membership. We lost two members who had gone to be with the Lord in the church triumphant.
6. Have one high school student in confirmation instruction with Pastor and Yin Lim.
7. Two of our members, Kan Hsu and Helen Qiu were enrolled in the Concordia Seminary's Ethnic Institute of Theology program to be trained as Deaconess. This is a 4 year program.
8. Two prayer groups meeting regularly every Wednesday and Sunday evenings.
9. Youth group for middle school and junior high meeting every Saturday afternoon led by Yin Lim and Pastor Lim.
10. Held a Day of Prayer on Reformation Sunday, Oct 31 with more than 60 in attendance both in-person and on-line.
11. Special Events during the holidays were organized to connect and encourage our members through Zoom with very good response. These events were Thanksgiving (46 people), Christmas Family Video Greetings (each family made a unique video sending Christmas wishes), and a Dumpling Party on New Year's Eve (30 families participated).
12. Last but not least, at the beginning of the pandemic, we initiated and organized a 'Mask Drive' and got very good support from the church and community. We provided free masks, upon request, to more than 50 health facilities, hospitals and nursing homes.

We are hopeful that this year will continue to be a year of growth and blessing from the Lord!

To God be the Glory!

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