

TOGETHER WE CAN LEAP FORWARD!

By Rev. In Kee Kim



This year's theme for our church is **"Together We Can Leap Forward!"** The theme passage is Ecclesiastes 4:9-12: *"Two are better than one, ... For if they fall, one will lift up the other;"* Together we can overcome many challenges and together we can build a beautiful community.

We are not islands separated by water. Last year, I went to Hawaii by the invitation of the Presbyterian Church in USA. At the conference, one Japanese participant said that some people say that Hawaii consists of islands separated by water. But he sees rather that Hawaii consists of islands connected by water. We are not individuals separated by our differences but we are unique individuals connected by our diversity.

That is what we are trying to do in this church. We are all different: personalities, ages, and even our theological perspectives. I hope that we become more diversified even in our racial outlook. But these differences do not separate us; they strengthen our community. We are not here to coerce everyone to be alike. We like to celebrate our differences. God made us all different: different talents, different gifts and different passion. But we all love the same Lord.

There is a reason why God brought all of us here together. God wants to use our differences to reach out to different people around us. Togetherness does not necessarily mean being the same. The diversity of people makes a community much stronger together than the uniformity of people.

It is exciting to start this new year. I pray for two things this year. Firstly, I pray that we become a welcoming community. A welcoming community means that the community embraces differences. I pray that all kinds of people may come to this community and feel comfortable to be who they are. They don't need any pretension. Healthy community embraces the diversity. Mature community celebrates the diversity and learns from those differences.

Secondly, I pray to see all people get involved in this church. People may feel free and encouraged to use their talents and gifts to help the church. Using their gifts and talents, their gifts may not only be sharpened but also this community will grow and will benefit through their service. I know that there are many hidden talents. Let us discover those hidden talents and let them be used for the community. I hope that we may be able to discover each other's talents and tap into these resources and build this church using them. But if you don't let us know of your talents, they will go unused. Please let us know what you want to do in this church to serve God. I hope that you can accomplish at least one thing that you would like to do this year.

Service Time: **12pm-1pm Sunday Worship**

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REFLECTIONS ON WORSHIP

The Worship Committee reflected deeply on our worship. Rev. Kim communicated that worship is the engine of the congregation. It is the place where the entire congregation gathers each week. This is where the presence of God is most central in the life of the congregation. And so it was felt that our worship had to be made even more effective. A key question was “How can we make our worship more sincere, dynamic and worshipful?” One theme that came out of discussions was that of intentionality: that everything we do in worship and every aspect of it should be intentional. With that focus, we reflected on each element of the service and how we could make it more effective. The changes you see are the product of that reflection. We do not consider it to be the final

product, but part of an evolving process. In all of our intentionality, the main purpose is to keep God central and allow Him to move through the congregation. We’re thankful for Rev. Son, Elder John, the praise team and others who contributed greatly to a more thought-out worship service. We welcome your continued feedback and comments on how to make our worship more sincere, dynamic and worshipful!

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GROUP LEADERS VISION FOR 2013

MEN’S GROUP

When I first started to attend St. Timothy’s, I was nervous like any new member joining our Church. I knew some people from before, however there were also people I was to meet for the first time. One thing that always put me at ease, and helped me open up to the Church was the relaxing atmosphere I found with the Men’s Group, a.k.a. MG. Sitting around the Fellowship Hall, or waiting to tee off at the three Annual Golf Tournaments, quick one-liners were always shot off amongst the MG. Laughs were easy to come by, and a sense of comfort and brotherhood enveloped me.

For 2013, I felt this year I may change this - think outside the box, raise the bar etc. I realized, however, the essence of MG, and the role we play in the grand scheme of things at St. Tim’s. MG represents the warmth, comfort, humour and sense of security that balance (some may say “go against the grain”) many other Groups within St. Tim’s. If I think of my own family, my kids represent the Hi-C and C&C

Groups - young, ambitious, and full of energy. Innocent and untested they may be wondering if this is a right decision. My wife would represent the Women’s Group. Like all women, they are the ones that make sure the day-to-day activities at Church are working. They look for ways to improve things (even if it ain’t broken) and they take care of our young.

If I represent MG, then what we are is the comforting shoulder, a hug to end a long day and a high-five to our kids for a job well done. So without setting a new precedent, MG will do what MG does best - be there for our Church, do the heavy lifting and cook the BBQ. And every now and then, we will shine; we will help with Evangel Hall, send boxes of Vitamins to needing children across the seas, and always have a one-liner ready to go.

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WOMEN'S GROUP

The members of the women's group of St. Timothy's are involved in many different ministries within the church. They are well-known for their involvement in the children's ministry, being part of outreach programs and preparing refreshments for the congregation. Some members are also part of other leadership committees. As we travel on this journey of serving in the church, we also want to build and nurture our relationships with each other – essentially our Sisters-in-Christ. In Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, it says, *“Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.”*

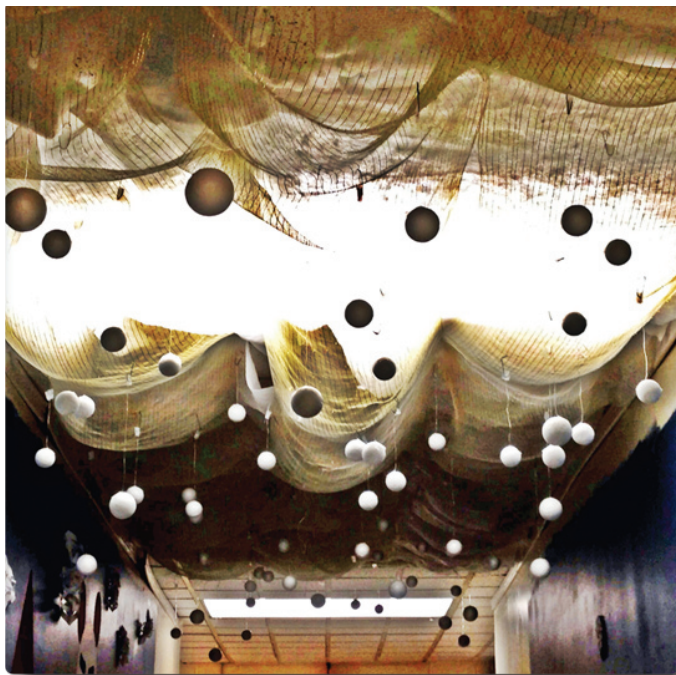
For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow.

But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone?

And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him – a threefold cord is not quickly broken.” And in Matthew 18:19-20, it says, *“Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”*

Based on these two passages, the vision for the women's group for 2013 is to deepen the friendship amongst women within the church family by spending time together in the Word of God and in prayer. Ultimately, devoting our time to expressing care for others and meeting the needs of others. We want to encourage women to grow in their faith in Christ and to serve our community of Christ.

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KIDS' CHURCH HALL
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YOUNG ADULTS

The Young Adults (YA) is a new group for the St. Timothy church. We are an amalgamation of the former College and Career groups. Through fellowship, we want to grow together with its main focus being on our theme for 2013 - **“Together we can leap forward”**. This is a great time of change in our lives when we form decisions that will shape and mould us for the future. Through fun activities, we are able to build deeper relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ. As this new group starts to evolve throughout the year, many expectations are put on this group but we ask that you come with an open heart and welcome the changes that are taking place in your social and spiritual lives.

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YOUNG FAMILIES (YF)

P.Y.K.S.G. (Parents with Young Kids Small Group)

PYKSG is a very new group at St. Timothy's. The creation of this group is based out of the love we share for our little ones and the challenges that come with it. We had two great meetings where we learned and discussed what it means to love our children as Christian parents and different parenting styles. We also shared about some of the struggles of being a parent and strategies that we



used to overcome difficult scenarios. We also had a fun Christmas Party for the kids where they exchanged gifts and also participated in a Toy Drive for the Teesdale Community.

Our bible studies take place every second Saturday of each Month. We started in January and will end this first session in May. Together we hope to discover what it means to be Christian parents and to build our Small Group community tighter through the Bible, shared stories and scenarios. We are learning from one another as parenting is a forever-evolving art! If you'd like to join us, please email me as we warmly welcome anyone who is going through this amazing yet challenging adventure called parenting.

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SERMON TITLES & SUMMARY: JANUARY

Let us keep powerful important messages close to our hearts in the months ahead.

JANUARY 6

"Together We Can Leap Forward"

Unity in diversity is powerful. Let us get involved in the church ministry using our talents.

JANUARY 20

"God Fills What We Lack"

When things run out, don't be scared. Ask the Spirit to fill you.

JANUARY 13

"Courage To Be"

True courage is not running away from our weaknesses but to embrace them. We can go on in spite of our weaknesses because God is with us.

JANUARY 27

"A Community That Appreciates Different Gifts"

Appreciating a person means to let the person know how valuable and precious he/she is. It is important for a spiritual community to appreciate each other's gifts.

HELP WANTED

Many ministries in our church require willing servants to run effectively. *Where can you serve today?*

Committee/Department

Worship
Finance
Worship
Choir
Pre-school
Mission
Elementary

Roles

Ushers
Offering Counters
AV Team
Singers
Baby-Sitters for YF meetings
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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

JANUARY

- 1st : Launch of St. Timothy's first eNewsletter
- 5th : New Year's Celebration at Church (85 people attended)
- 6th : Photo Session with Jinwon (Elders, BOM and Pastoral Staffs)
- 12th : YF Small Group meeting in Kids' Church area
- 12th : ESM Choir Party (Elder James and Kee's house)
- 13th : Session Appreciation Lunch (both KSM and ESM Congregation)
- 13th : Olivia Han became ESM Choir Conductor; Edward Kim became ESM Choir manager
- 18th : Church Group Leader's Meeting
- 19th : BOM Meeting (Brian Park's house)
- 20th : CBS (Congregational Bible Study) resumed
- 20th : Kids' Church Parents' meeting; Rev. Son took charge of Kids' Church
- 23rd : Wednesday Women's Bible Study resumes
- 25th : YA Skating and Boardgames night
- 26th : Women's Group Welcome Lunch at Darlene's house

FEBRUARY

- 9th : YC Meeting (Simon & Deb's House)
- 9th : YF Meeting (Kids' Church)
- 16th : HanCa Bowling Tournament (12:30pm at Playtime)
- 23rd : Joint KSM & ESM Hi-C Ski Trip (Mount St. Louis)
- 24th : Evangel Hall Sunday CELEBRATING 100 YEARS! (10 years of St. Timothy's service at Evangel Hall)

UPCOMING EVENTS *Don't forget to mark these dates!*

- March 1st : Women's Group Movie Night
- March 2nd : KCWA Gala Dinner
- March 2nd : "Disciplining Children" Workshop with Tori Smit from the PCC
- March 8th to 10th : Hi-C March Break Retreat
- April 12 to 14 : Happiness Seminar III in Korean
- June 21 to 23 : ESM Summer Retreat (Fair Haven Retreat Centre)



CONGREGATIONAL BIBLE STUDY



JANUARY
BOM MEETING



2013
NEW YEARS PARTY

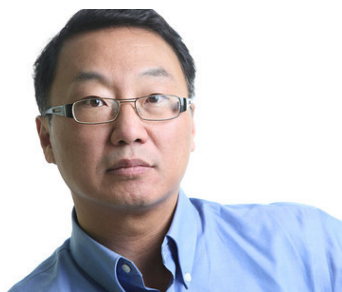
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DID YOU KNOW...

St Timothy Church formed as an amalgamation two churches – North York Presbyterian Church & Livingstone Presbyterian Church – in 1996. We initially adopted the name “North York Livingstone Church” to show our origins. After moving to the current location in Etobicoke, we decided to change our name St Timothy Presbyterian Church for a new beginning.

St Timothy was a first-century bishop with dual heritage; his mother was Jewish and his father was Greek. He played a vital role in the development of early churches in Asia Minor and Greece as he journeyed with Apostle Paul in spreading the Gospel in that region. Paul praised him for his knowledge of the Scriptures. Later, Paul consecrated Timothy as bishop of Ephesus in 65 A.D where he served for 15 years.



James Choe, ELDER

Thus our church name pays homage to this important figure in Christian history and it shows our commitment to the history that God is continuing to make with us today. It also acknowledges our dual heritage of Korean and Canadian culture, co-existence of KSM & ESM, our desire to evolve into a multicultural community and the spirit of harmony and reconciliation that is much needed in our society today. Thus, our church name truly reflects our views embodied in our mission statements.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy. For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

Psalms 33: 3-4

Every thing is new again. The Membership Committee is proud to present a new look of our eNewsletter this month. Thanks to Grace Kim, our newly recruited member, the look is more polished; it is sporting an eMagazine look. In this issue, we learn more about this year's theme: Together We Can Leap Forward! Rev. Kim discusses his vision of what we can achieve when we harness the power of diversity in a singular common goal. We also hear from our intrepid Group Presidents discussing their vision for the year 2013. We will need to fully support their visions with our responsive actions to bring them to fruition. We also hear from Simon Park, our Worship Committee Chair, reflecting on the new worship format that was implemented at the beginning of the year. Already, it has set the tone for a more meaningful worship. Let us all come 10 minutes before the worship time to fully participate in the worship experience.

We are still seeking a name for this newsletter. There is an awesome name for this publication that someone is keeping close to his/her chest. We are offering a prize + Elder James' VIP parking spot for one year as a reward. Please submit your entry to the Membership Committee to win this amazing contest. Throughout the year, you will be hearing from various leaders and members about different aspects of our church life. Many areas require your help so please see where your talent can be used in our church in the **Help Wanted** section. *Please contact us with any comments that will improve this publication.*

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