

English Sunday Service April 27, 2025 Call to Worship: Pastor Josiah Tse

Scripture Reader: Alvin Lee

Communion: Rev. Vincent Lee

Community Prayer: Stanley Hum

Scripture Passage: 1 Thess 5:12-28

Message: The Community of Love and Prayer

Speaker: Pastor Josiah Tse

Doxology

Announcements: Wilson Young

WORSHIP GOD THE FATHER IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome to our English Congregation! We exist to glorify God by proclaiming and living out the Gospel of Christ in the Holy Spirit. If you have any questions, please feel free to email our congregational pastor.
- 2. ECB News Flash (April 22, 2025)
- A. Our MCCC Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on May 25, 2025 at 2:00pm. The AGM Agenda Items are:
 - a. Election of 2026-27 Deacons:
 - Mandarin Congregation James Li, Torrey Phua
 - English Congregation Alvin Lee
 - Cantonese Congregation Sam Watt
 - b. Approval of 2024 MCCC Audited Financial Statement
 - c. Approval of 2024 MCCC Annual Report
 - d. Appointing Stephen P.F. Chui Professional Corp. as public accountant for preparation of Milliken Christian Community Church's 2025 audited financial statement.
- B. A pre-AGM information session will be held on May 3rd (Saturday) at 12 pm (noon) on Zoom.

Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81273064990?pwd=j7RVvWjGO1aUP7PblmbMfALsSB46Kb.1 Meeting ID: 812 7306 4990 Passcode: 123123

- C. Members can vote electronically online between May 11 and May 24. An email with voting instructions and link will be sent to all members who have provided their emails for electronic voting.
- D. Mail-in voting sessions will be held in person at church on May
 - 11, 18, and 25 from
 - a. 8:45-9:15am (before Cantonese worship)
 - b. 10:30-11:15am
 - c. 12:30-1:00pm (from end of Cantonese worship to beginning of Mandarin/English worship, and after Mandarin/English worship).
- E. The 2024 Financial Statement and 2024 Annual Report were posted on the bulletin board in the church hallway for members to review.
- F. Our one-year sponsorship of the Afghan Refugee Family has ended. Fatima was accepted to study in a local college. She will be eligible

for a government grant as well as subsidy for childcare. The Afghan church will continue to provide support for the Noori family. May the Lord shine upon them and guide their paths.

- G. MCCC will be donating a total of \$30,000 through Partners International Canada towards the earthquake relief work in Myanmar. We strongly encourage brothers and sisters to show your support by making a special donation to the church's Benevolent Fund.
- H. Pastor Katherine will be on vacation from April 27 to May 3.
- 3. 2026-2027 MCCC Deacon Candidate Profile has been posted on the bulletin board and on the attached page in bulletin for your reference.
- Systematic Theology Sunday School resumes on this Sunday, April 27. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Josiah: <u>mccc.josiaht@gmail.com</u>
- 5. For security reasons we would like to ask all Zoom Attendees to put their full name on display for identification purposes to allow the Zoom master to safely let you in.
- 6. For instructions on how to set up an online offering donation, please visit our website <u>https://mccc.on.ca/</u>

Prayer

A: World & Mission

1/ Continue to pray for peace between Ukraine and Russia and for the safety of civilians.

B: Neighboring Community

- 1/ Pray for our country as we prepare this year for an election. Pray for God's steady hand over the leaders, the communities and the system of the voting process to yield to His will.
- 2/ Continue to pray for grace and generosity amongst our community as the economic stress continues to make it hard for families and workers to make ends meet. Pray that God would spur us in us not only in words of love and encouragement, but also action.

C: Church Community

1/ Missionaries and Mission Agencies:

- Pastor Henry and Wendy have returned from Taiwan. Please pray for their integration back home and future ministries.
- Pray for J and A as they continue their ministry and work on the field
- Pray for our missionaries whom our church has adopted:
- Doris Lui-yee (Toronto TEAM Canada); Graham & Jen Watt (Power to Change); Rev. Colin McCartney (Connect City -Toronto); Pastor Peter & Elaine Yoon (Ethnos - Indonesia); Pastor Louis & Felain Lam (CBM - Germany); Rev. C.Y. Yan (OMF - Ontario); NEXT initiative (Power to Change - Ontario); Alliance Global Serve Canada (several countries); Hudson Taylor Centre (Tyndale Seminary - Toronto); Xiao Dan Gang (CBM); Tracy Hong Ju (SOTA - TWR); Church planting in Thailand (Bible League Canada); Living Waters Counseling Centre (General fund - Toronto); Toronto Short Term Missions Centre (General fund - Toronto).

2/ English Ministry Needs:

- Pray our Spiritual Maturity as we grow to become an example to all believers in our faith, conduct and hospitality
- Continue to pray for the health and spiritual growth of all of our families with young children.

<u>Fellowship/</u> <u>Ministry Activity</u>	Date	Information
Youth 144 (Grade 6-12)	May 2nd @7:30pm	Continuation in "Home, At Last" Series
Adelphoi (Young Adults)	May 4th @1:30pm	Bible Study in Acts
Elijah (Career and Young Families)	May Gathering at Anthony and Melissa's	Refer to WhatsApp Group for details.
Emmanuel (Families)	May Gathering @ Church	Continuation in Bible Study Series
Thursday Night Prayer Meeting	Thursday nights @ 7:30pm	Contact Pastor Josiah for Zoom Link. Meeting ID: 811 1857 2740 Passcode: 424954

ACEM:

Please visit acem.ca/en or scan the QR code for detailed

1. Yuanchuan & Ming Ye (Germany, CBM)



Please pray for the health of our missions workers, Yuanchuan and Ming Ye. May the Lord strengthen them to care for their family and continue serving faithfully. Also lift up the young adult Bible study group and the new youth Sunday school at their church, ask God to guide these ministries, grant wisdom to the teachers and pastors, and draw more people to know Him through them.

2. <u>2025 ACEM Missions Financial Statement as of March 31</u>

Total 2025 Missions Budget: \$ 2,082,702 As of March 31: Missions Offering Received : \$ 48

Missions Offering Received: \$ 488,052.15Missions Fund Required – Budget: \$ 520,675.50Missions Fund Shortfall: \$ (32,623.35)

3. ACEM Pastoral Fellowship

In light of the growing drug issues in our communities, including the rise of marijuana houses and fentanyl abuse, **ACEM will be holding its second pastoral fellowship of the year**. This gathering will focus on how pastors can effectively counsel and support individuals struggling with drug addiction. **Rev. Simon Lau, General Secretary of Operation Dawn, along with pastors who have personally overcome addiction and now serve in ACEM churches**, will share their experiences and insights. All pastors from ACEM churches are warmly invited to attend.

Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Venue: ACEM office (G05-2750 14th Ave., Markham, ON L3R 0B6)

Application Link:

https://forms.office.com/r/aQ97LdQZs2

2026-2027 MCCC DEACON CANDIDATES PROFILE

MCCC Membership meeting will be held on Sunday, May 25 at 2pm. Mail-in voting sessions will be held for 3 Sundays (May11,18,25) on church property from 8:45am to 1:00pm. All members are encouraged to vote during the sessions.

Sam Mong Kin Watt (Cantonese Congregation)



With God's grace, My wife, Ingrid, and I have been attending and serving in the Cantonese Congregation of MCCC for more than 30 years. Our two sons were raised through the nourishment of children ministry and baptized in English Congregation. My wish is to continue to have fellowship with our brothers

and sisters in this church and witness our faith, hope and love in this community.

James Li (Mandarin Congregation)



James Li and his wife, May Zhang, were baptized together on Thanksgiving Day in 2005 at the campus church of Purdue University in the United States. Since Canada Day in 2010, they have been attending the Mandarin Congregation at MCCC. In 2012, James joined the Mandarin Congregation Committee, where he assisted the pastor in coordinating fellowship ministries and served as

the committee secretary until 2021. Starting in 2022, he began serving on the Deacons' Board, overseeing the church's finances. James also actively participates in the Faith Fellowship group and Sunday School ministries. His wife, May, previously served on the Mandarin Congregation Committee, focusing on caring ministries, and now continues to help lead the Faith fellowship group. Their daughter, June Li, has been baptized and is currently pursuing her doctoral studies. She has long been active in youth fellowship and university campus outreach and continues to be involved in the church's children's ministry.

Torri Phua (Mandarin Congregation)



Growing up in a Christianized family, began to serve in the church after deciding to believe in the Lord as a teenager. I came to Canada in 1996 and jointed MCCC church Mandarin service in 1997. After, participated in the youth ministry, lead fellowship groups, and taught Sunday schools, and also served in the ECB committee. In 2004, I returned to Singapore with my family due to work and returned to Toronto again in 2020 during the epidemic. My wife Eileen and I have two daughters (Phoebe and Gabrielle).

Alvin Lee (English Congregation)



Alvin has been attending Milliken since 2004 and was baptized in the winter of 2015. He has been involved with various church ministries and serving in the English congregation. He has helped lead softball and he and his wife Kirstin are currently serving as a leader of the Adelphoi young adults fellowship, the English congregation worship team and junior high school Sunday school.

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The Schedule of a hybrid in-person and live stream services:

Cantonese Service: 9:15 am (In-person and Zoom) Mandarin Service: 11:15 am (In-person and Zoom) English Service: 11:15 am (In-person and Zoom) Children / Youth Sunday school: 9:15 am & 11:15 am (In-person only)

Cantonese Congregation Sunday Service Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/i/87262410460?pwd=SDRrKzZrV1U2R3FtcFRWRnZvUFFIQT09 Meeting ID: 872 6241 0460 Passcode: 123456

Mandarin Congregation Sunday Service Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86869313460?pwd=RE05bEorTTJIcmZjS2FKc0pMTE1EQT09 Meeting ID: 868 6931 3460 Passcode: 100100

English Congregation Sunday Service Zoom Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86388395934?pwd=ZDM0NIBtUDl4WTRMOFBRYUIvVXdvQT09 Meeting ID: 863 8839 5934 Passcode: 123123

OUR PASTORAL TEAM:

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