



FACCES

Fellowship of Alliance Chinese Churches
in Europe and Surroundings
歐洲與鄰近地區華人宣道會團契



Dear Pastors and Fellow Coworkers:

Shalom in Christ!!

May the joyous music, hymns, beautiful decorations, and preparations for the special events – remind us that Christmas 2017 is already upon us! In this Advent season, as we celebrate the Messiah's birth, I greet and bless you all, on behalf of the Fellowship of Alliance Chinese Churches in Europe and its Surroundings (FACCES).

God's grace and abundance as we experience the joy of Christmas!

Let us walk in new hope each day, into an enriched spiritual life.

Thank God for His leading during the successful bi-annual FACCES Pastoral & Leaders Symposium from October 9-12, 2017 at the Golden Tulip Hotel West, Amsterdam. With the faithful work and preparations of the Chinese Mandarin CAMA Gemeente Nederlands church, we enjoyed all the comforts of the venue, PA system, hotel lodging, hospitality, transportation, and meals, etc.

The Symposium theme, “All For Jesus”, helped us focus on the rich thematic talks, seminars, workshops, discussions, and fellowship – which offered all delegates, pastors, coworkers and church leaders an opportunity to better know, support, exchange opinions, and foster collaboration. Everyone was encouraged by the Holy Spirit and the unity fostered as we gather as a spiritual family.

Highlights of FACCES Symposium 2017, Amsterdam

An experienced historian with a passion for missions, **President Ka-Lun Leung (Alliance Bible Seminary of Hong Kong, ABS-HK)**, expounded on the C&MA’s Four-fold Gospel.

- Building upon the themes of Sanctification, Healing, and the Coming King, President Leung emphasized Holiness as the foundation for all believers – and the importance of building on the unceasing personal relationship with the Lord, so that we may be holy through the Holiness of Jesus. We must ensure that our Lord Jesus Christ remains our Only Healer -- past, present and future. We must approach Him with faith, and submit to His Sovereignty, despite the outcome.
- Furthermore, believers hope for the eternal home in heaven and not on earth. We are only travelers and sojourners in this world, anticipating the Day when the Lord shall return.
- In this 500th Anniversary Celebration of the Reformation, President Leung also reflected on the history of the European Religious Reform as it relates to the Europe of today. President Leung gave a refreshing perspective on the current spiritual situations and their impact on the needs within European churches – which have strengthened the faith of those affected as participants.

Senior **Pastor Matthew & Lydia Chiu (Scarborough Chinese Alliance Church, Canada)** shared their veteran experience of developing Gods church family through Cell Groups.

- Rev. Chiu shared the model within his church – explaining in detail how his church (of over 1,200 members) are able to grow spiritually and in community, as they have organized the church family into small cell groups.
- Trained group leaders shepherd their cell group -- where each member mutually learns to nurture and care for other cell group members. Through Rev. Chiu’s sharing of his church structure, we saw how cell groups can encourage the development and growth of a healthy church.
- **Please see attached 2 PowerPoint documents** (presented during FACCES Symposium).
- Note: For the **Cell Group Booklet Manual**, it will be passed to church leaders (or provided at the upcoming Cell-Group Ministry Seminar – to be confirmed by FACCES Committee when details of date and location available).

Together, the Symposium blessed us with a rich opportunity to unite with **over 80 representatives** -- from **22 churches, organizations, countries** (including France, United Kingdom, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland, Martinique, Israel, Senegal, Canada, Hmong, and the United States). Among the FACCES family were **additional VIP representatives** who brought us special greetings and encouragement:

- **Rev. Aaron Tang (Executive Director of CCACA-Canada, Toronto)** – who also brought delegate ministry resources and gifts.
- **Melissa MacDonald (Director of Children Ministry, C&MA-U.S, Colorado Springs)** – who led workshops and shared about the 4-14 children-youth movement (to reach one of the greatest least-reached people groups of the world). FACCES Committee hopes to organize an upcoming Children’s-Youth-Family Ministry Seminar – to be confirmed when details of date and location available).
- **Pastor Tak-yu Tong (Executive Director, AGM-HK, Hong Kong)** – who shared about the ministry initiatives and opportunities for further collaboration among the Hong Kong Mission Agency and global local churches.
- **Rev. Yu-fat Siu (Hong Kong Alliance Kee Yam Church, Hong Kong)** – who led a workshop on how to reach out and do Gambling Rehabilitation ministry.
- **Pastor Regine Chang (Beautiful Footsteps of France, Paris)** – who shared about the needs and outreach opportunities among Chinese in Russia.
- **Marius Schuurmans and Alida Derksen (Dutch missionaries sent by CAMA-Netherlands, to Suriname)** – who shared about mission opportunities among the indigenous Guyanese on the border of Suriname and French Guyana.
- **Rev. Wilson Kaan (Saskatoon Chinese Alliance Church, Canada); and Rev. Yu Du Bing (Pantin Eglise Protestante Evangelique Chinoise de France, France)** – who, respectfully, was our conference English translator (a big ‘merci’ for your courage); and who led the closing communion service (85 year old inspiring role-model pastor who actively engaged during the entire conference!!).
- Please visit the FACCES website (facces.eu) for **Symposium photos**.

FACCES Symposium 2017 “business” -- highlighted items

- (1) The FACCES Committee updated, printed, and distributed our new edition of the **FACCES Directory** (see electronic version available on FACCES website);
- (2) Refreshed our **FACCES website** (still work-in-progress ... So please help keep our FACCES family news updated by sending us your church news, newsletters, photos, etc.);
- (3) Opened 2 **bank accounts** (Paris and London);

- (4) Organized **the FACCES Symposium 2017** in Amsterdam;
- (5) Refreshed our **FACCES constitution and logo**; and
- (6) Represented FACCES at **Joint Missions Conference**, JMC (which is the CMA Eastern Canada joint Chinese Alliance Churches missions conference with over 800 delegates; held August 4-7, 2017; Hamilton, CANADA); and at **EMERALD Conference** (the European family of CMA churches and groups, where we also shared about FACCES with the new Alliance World Fellowship/AWF President, Dr. Jura Yanagihara; held October 19-22; Segovia, Spain).

2017 Year Highlights of FACCES Family

January

- **France**: Eglise Alliance Chinoise de Paris - ***Installation*** of Pastor TAN Wu & SONG Tie Ming

February

- **Norway**: Nordic Chinese Christian church in Oslo - ***Installation*** of Pastor Ivy and Glen Milanowski (international workers sent from CMA-Canada)
- **France**: Eglise Chrétienne Martinique Missionnaire Chinoise de la Martinique - (French Caribbean Island) ***Installation*** of Rev. & Mrs. Edmond LAU (international workers sent from CMA-Canada)

March

- **Finland**: Chinese Christian Church in Helsinki - ***FACCES visited and provided care*** for the Nordic church

April

- **France**: Eglise Chrétienne Missionnaire Chinoise de St Maur - ***3rd short-term mission trip*** to Senegal (16 team members)
- **France**: Eglise Chrétienne Martinique Missionnaire Chinoise de la Martinique (French Caribbean Islands) – hosted ***1st Caribbean 2nd-Generation Youth Retreat*** (speaker: Pastor Joseph Cherng; team from Montreal Grace CMA Church)
- **Germany**: Chinesische Allianz Kirche Berlin - ***Installation*** of Pastor Peter Christians Lukas
- **France**: Eglise Chrétienne Missionnaire Chinoise de France - Celebrated ***40th anniversary***
- **Spain**: Rio de Esperanza, Iglesias China de ACYM de España - ***Ordination*** of Pastor ZHANG Tao

May

- **France:** FACCES joined ***short-term mission trip to Moscow***; > 500 participated (200 students) in annual May 1st Gospel Camp (Moscow)
- **U.K.:** CAWF (Chinese Alliance World Fellowship) decided not to hold ***5th Rendezvous, RDV (Chinese 2nd Generation International CMA Missions Conference)*** in London; to be held, instead, in Bangkok (prior years conferences held in Paris, Bangkok, Hong Kong, and Toronto; with post-conference mission trips organized in each city and to neighbouring regions where CMA workers serve – e.g. Oslo, Stockholm, London, Khonkaen, Taipei, Qingyuan, Wuhuan, Chibougamau, Lima). FACCES involved in 2018 RDV Planning Committee (further promotional and registration info to be available soon on CAWF and FACCES websites).

June

- **Netherlands & Caribbean:** St. Maarten Chinese Alliance Church – ***Collaborative discussions with New York Chinese Alliance Church, Suriname Chinese Alliance Church, and FACCES*** (to strengthen partnership in joint mission initiatives in St. Maarten)

July

- **UK:** Cambridge Alliance Church - ***Ordination*** of Rosa CHAN
- **Spain:** Rio de Esperanza, Iglesias China de ACYM de España – ***FACCES assisted Children Summer Camp (Madrid)***; > 80 children participated; partnership with short-term team from Toronto Rexdale CMA Church; theme: Hidden Treasures

August

- **Germany:** Chinesische Allianz Gemeinde Dortmund - ***Installation*** of Pastor WU Zhong Yin (from Tokyo)
- **Canada:** FACCES participated at Joint Missions Conference, JMC (English & Chinese missions conference; with > 800 Chinese Alliance church delegates; organized by Canadian Chinese Alliance Churches Association, CCACA-Canada) and at CCACA Annual Meetings (Hamilton, Canada)

September

- **Netherlands:** Hurricane Irma destroyed buildings on the Caribbean Island of St Maarten. The ***Sunday worship service at the St. Maarten Chinese Alliance Church was disrupted***. Please remember them in prayers
- **France:** Centre Chinois Information Sociale Service (CCISS) - Celebrated ***10th anniversary***

October

- **Netherlands:** FACCES and Chinese CMA churches in Netherlands organised ***1st Netherlands Revival Meeting***; speaker: Dr. L.K. Leung

- Netherlands: Chinese Mandarin CAMA Gemeente Nederlands - Celebrated **10th anniversary**
- Netherlands: **FACCES 6th Symposium in Amsterdam**; theme: All for Jesus; > 80 pastors and leaders; 22 church groups participated (including Hmong CMA); previous FACCES Symposiums in Amsterdam '04, Paris '05, Manchester '07, Amsterdam '09, ParisParis '13, Berlin '15, Amsterdam '17; and Franco-Dutch Round Table Symposium: Amsterdam '12
- Netherlands: Chinese CAMA Gemeente Amsterdam - Celebrated **15th anniversary**
- Netherlands: Amsterdam Alliance Yan Chuen Church – Sponsored **Married Couples Retreat**; speakers: Rev. & Mrs. Aaron & Kate Tang; 6 couples participated
- Spain: FACCES participated in **EMERALD Conference** (European & Middle East Regional annual pastoral leadership conference held in Segovia; member of AWF; ongoing mediation dialogues; discussions with Dr. Jura Yanagihara, newly elected AWF President as of 2016)

November

- UK: Leed Alliance Church - Celebrated **4th anniversary**
- Netherlands: Chinese CAMA Gemeente Het Licht Almere - Celebrated **10th anniversary**

December

- Israel: Tel Aviv Chinese Alliance Church - 150 participants of **Gospel Tour to Bethlehem and Jerusalem**
- Israel: Pastor Alvis Tan ministered at **Tel Aviv, Martinique, and Guadeloupe Chinese CMA churches**

2017 was, indeed, a year of growth and thanksgiving.

I praise God for His grace, and thank you all, on behalf of FACCES. Your trust and unceasing support have greatly encouraged the FACCES Committee and member churches. We are hopeful that in 2018, we will discover, anew, ways for our fellowship churches throughout Europe and its Surroundings -- to strengthen communication, support, collaboration, integration, and revival. May God's wisdom and strength lead us as we steward His blessings, resources, and funding.

May the Faithful God be with you, always, and with each church!

His servant,

Rev. Daniel Nguyen, Chairman of FACCES Committee

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