



福音戒賭中心  
The Christian Centre for  
Gambling Rehabilitation

Newsletter October 2022

## “Farewell Party of Centre Manager Peter Chan”

By the grace of God, Peter has been journeying together with the brothers and sisters of CCGR for 22 years. Peter retired in October this year. We thank God for leading Peter to stay in the position over the years, serve faithfully, fight against gambling addiction, and help gamblers and their families. With grateful heart, we held a farewell party on 4<sup>th</sup> of October. In the future, its responsibilities and mission will be continued by Aaron Ng. May the Lord’s greatest love and power, continue to be demonstrated through the life of everyone in the family of CCGR. Pray in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.



Peter’s Retirement Farewell Party on October 4, 2022

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

(Romans 1:16)

Thankful to God for His calling, I officially took over the task as the Centre manager of CCGR in November 2022. Gambling is the deadliest scourge to the Chinese society. Many Chinese living in the UK fell into the trap of gambling under the pressure of immigration, leading a miserable life but unable to escape its control. Most people think that people who are addicted to gambling are not sober enough, so they can stop gambling when they sober up. However, the opposite of addiction is not sobriety, but meaningful connections between people. Have we noticed that the church has a lot of precious and strongest power that can bless those people trapped in different addiction, because the church is the most beautiful group created by God, a healing group full of truth and love.



Thanks the Lord, those co-workers who are fighting against "pornography, gambling, and drugs" to meet each other at our centre on September 27. May the love of Jesus Christ and the power of the gospel be glorified and manifested through us.

## Introduction to new co-worker and volunteer pastor

### Ivy Lam

Thanks Lord for preparing a female teammate in CCGR. Ivy came from Hong Kong, and has graduated from Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary, same as our Centre manager Aaron Ng. After her graduation, she served as pastor in two churches for totally 23 years. Ivy came to UK early this year and participated as a volunteer in CCGR in last few months, she has been a part-time co-worker at CCGR since September. Thanks our Father for His wonderful arrangement to provide all the needs of the gambling rehabilitation center. May the Lord use and lead the co-workers of the Centre to continue to fulfill the Lord's commissions with their hearts in the coming days.

### Pastor Chun Kuen Cheung

Peace be to you, brothers and sisters in the Lord. Thanks to God, I was being invited to join Christian Centre for Gambling Rehabilitation as a volunteer chaplain. This is a new attempt for me, and I hope I could do it with the grace of God. Let me take this opportunity to briefly introduce myself. I came to UK to reunite with my parents in 1977 and worked at my father's takeaway shop until 1996. I believed Jesus at 1990, baptised and called into ministry in 1992. At 1993, I committed to serve the Lord full time. I got married in 1998. I have two sons. The eldest son has just started to work, and the youngest son is in his last year of university. I had studied at seminary and was equipped at Chinese Overseas Christian Mission at 1998. After graduation in 2000, I was serving as full-time pastoral worker in CCIL and ordained as a pastor in 2011. Looking back on the days of service I worked, it was all by the grace of God. I am looking forward to continuing and experience God in the rest of my life.

## Ministry Briefing (2021/2022)

4 Oct 2021	CCGR resumed gatherings after the pandemic
11 Nov 2021	25th Anniversary Thanksgiving Party
11 Jun 2022	London Hong Kong Friendship Festival - "Say No to Gambling" Booth Game
21 Jun 2022	Online Sharing Session on Gospel Gambling Rehabilitation (1)
18-20 Jul 2022	3rd European Evangelical Gambling Rehabilitation Seminar
8 Sep 2022	Online Sharing Session on Gospel Gambling Rehabilitation (2)
27 Sep 2022	Pastor Lau Minhe's addiction recovery sharing session
4 Oct 2022	Peter Chan's retirement farewell party

## Sunday Preaching Service 2022

13 Feb	CCIL New Soho Congregation, Hounslow Congregation
27 Feb	Rhenish Church UK
20 Mar	King's Cross Methodist Church (Mandarin and Cantonese Service)
22 May	Reading Chinese Christian Church
3 Jul	Sheffield Chinese Christian Church (English and Cantonese Service)
4 Sep	Portsmouth Chinese Christian Church
30 Oct	Milton Keynes Chinese Christian Church

## Notice

CCGR will hold its 26th anniversary thanksgiving gathering on 11<sup>th</sup> of November, with the theme "Be strong in the Lord". We are grateful to have Pastor Chun Kuen Cheung of CCIL for preaching in this event. We sincerely invite you to come together to count the grace of Lord, sharing the vision received from God at CCGR, and pray for our new manager, co-worker, director, consultant, and volunteer's inauguration.

Venue: King's Cross Methodist Church

Time: 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022 (Friday) 18:30-20:00

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Registration: <https://shorturl.at/rtDSU>

## Income & Expenditure

	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
Local Donation	£ 21,890.00	£ 24,179.35
Overseas Donation	£ 0	£ 0
Other Income	£ 3,069.30	£ 1,403.61
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£ 24,959.30</b>	<b>£ 25,582.96</b>
Staff/Volunteers Allowance	£ 39,856.95	£ 22,246.41
Rent & Insurance	£ 1,200.00	£ 1,041.579
Office Expenses	£ 2,301.05	£ 958.21
Other	£ 716.88	£ 588.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>£ 44,074.88</b>	<b>£ 24,834.19</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>-£19,115.58</b>	<b>£ 748.77</b>

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