



**Boston Chinese Evangelical Church  
2022 Annual Congregational Meeting  
October 30, 2022, 2:00pm**

Meeting Facilitator: Kevin Fong, Chairman of the Board of Deacons (BOD)  
Translators: Michael Ho, Timothy So, Vincent Lau

Secretary: Jessica So

Location: Josiah Quincy Elementary School Auditorium and Zoom to BCEC 218 Walnut St  
Newton Campus Fellowship Hall

**1. Welcome and Calling the Meeting to Order**

Chairman of the Board of Deacons, Kevin Fong, began the meeting at 2:00PM. Quorum for the meeting was met. Kevin Fong welcomed the congregation and explained that the meeting is being presented live from the Josiah Quincy Elementary School Auditorium and Zoomed live to BCEC Newton Campus. Note that that meeting will be translated in all three languages or the translation will be displayed on the screen.

**2. Opening Prayer and Worship**

Pastor Daniel opened the meeting in prayer.

Congregation sang the Hymn, To God be the Glory lead by Louis Leung

**3. Words from the Senior Pastor**

Pastor Daniel reflected on the changes occurring in the last year from new incoming staff to the return of in-person service at Josiah Quincy Elementary School for Chinatown services. He reflects on the service of the church and calls on the pastoral staff and BCEC members to become an enabling church that can cultivate each of our mission in life.

**4. Calling the Meeting to Order**

The meeting was then officially called to order and as of Oct 29, 2022 there were 1,119 members, with 280 needed for a quorum. 404 members have registered for attendance. Outlined rules and process for members to give comments during the meeting to 1min pre-translation

**5. 2021 Annual General Assembly Meeting Minutes**

Kevin Fong motioned to approve the 2021 Annual General Assembly Meeting Minutes. Ryan So seconded the motion. Voting is performed by raising of hands, motions passes.

**6. Nominees for Board of Deacons 2-Year Terms**

Kevin Fong presented the nominees for two-year terms on the Board of Deacons: Robert Huie, Peter Kwok, James Lam, David Lee, Billy Ng and Andy Te.

He commented that at town hall it was noted that only 5 nominees were presented, but since then God has provided a sixth nominee, Billy Ng.

Kevin Fong motioned to approve Robert Huie, Peter Kwok, James Lam, David Lee, Billy Ng and Andy Te for two-year terms on the Board of Deacons. Sam Lok seconded the motion. Attending members voted on the designated ballot.

## **7. 2021-2022 Financial Report and 2022-2023 Budgets**

Kevin Fong presented the FY21-22 General Fund, with total income of \$2,259,099 and total expense of \$2,178,290. The net surplus is \$130,804. Our ending surplus balance for the year is \$1,719,748. The proposed General Fund budget for FY22-23 is \$2,844,683, 0.8% less than the prior year's budget.

The Charity Fund income for FY21-22 is \$117,236, with expenses of \$135,315, for a net deficit of \$18,079. The ending surplus balance is \$60,730. The deficit was due to the discussion that the Charity Fund should not hold a balance and focus should be to spend down the surplus. The proposed budget for FY22-23 is \$97,500.

The Missions Fund income was \$378,533, with expenses of \$363,018, for a net surplus of \$15,514. The ending surplus balance is \$386,165. The Missions Committee has a plan to spend down the surplus, with 50% for missionaries' projects and 50% towards retirement funds for missionaries. The proposed budget for FY22-23 is the same as the prior year's budget, \$352,800.

The Expansion Fund had expenses of \$0 and the ending balance is \$4.34 million. Once a final plan for expansion is solidified, it will be presented to the congregation for approval. The proposed budget for FY22-23 is \$110,000.

The Chinatown Expansion Fund has no expenses and holds an ending balance of 9.4 million.

The Newton Campus Renovation Project contains \$30,000 allocated through the General Fund, if not approved the Newton Renovation allocation will be removed from the General Fund budget.

Several questions were asked by the congregation in regards to the missions committee spending down of the surplus and a request for additional information related to BCEC investment practice and policy.

Michael Ho on behalf of the missions committee answered and explained the Missions Committee strategy and plan for the next year to spend down the surplus. Kevin Fong and Deaconess Joyce Chan answered and explained the BCEC investment practice and policy, but an action will be taken to follow-up with the congregational member for further details and information based on comments and questions.

## **8. 2022-2023 BCEC Budgets for General, Missions and Charity**

Kevin Fong motioned to approve the 2022-2023 BCEC Budgets for General, Missions and Charity fund. Bill Kou seconded the motion. Kevin directed attending members to vote on the designated ballot.

### **9. 2022-2023 BCEC Chinatown Expansion Budget**

Kevin Fong read words from Senior Pastor and Elder board in regards to Chinatown expansion and asked for comments or questions about motion for Chinatown expansion budget. No comments or questions were raised.

Kevin Fong motioned to approve the 2022-2023 BCEC Chinatown Expansion Budget. Isa Chen seconded the motion. Kevin directed attending members to vote on the designated ballot.

### **10. 2022-2023 BCEC Newton Renovation Budget**

Kevin Fong presented the Newton renovation plan, updates, and budget. A request for any comments or questions was made. No comments or questions raised.

Kevin Fong motions to approve 2022-2023 BCEC Newton Renovation Budget. Terry Yip seconds the motion. Kevin directed attending members to vote on the designated ballot.

### **11. Words from our Chairperson, Board of Deacons**

Kevin Fong read script, which the translations presented on projector. He reflects on the fruit of the spirit at BCEC and the joy of serving. Reminding us to abide in Him as we take on the challenges and tasks set before BCEC with faith in God and not just on our own merit.

Kevin thanks all the helpers that assisted in setting up and managing the different areas of the Annual meeting from audio, video technology, registration, check-in and the ballot counters.

### **12. Appreciation of BCEC Staff and Elders**

An Elder and Staff Appreciation video was played, which was edited and produced by Deaconess Charlotte Lai. Kevin appreciated the BCEC Staff and Elders.

### **13. Report on the Results of Voting and Installation of Board of Deacons**

There were 404 votes, and we are pleased to announce that all motions have been approved by majority vote by those attending the meeting. The 2021 Annual General Assembly Meeting Minutes and all 2021-2022 budgets were approved. All nominated deacons received the required votes.

The new deacon board will be Andy Chang, Jason Cheung, Robert Huie, Peter Kwok, Charlotte Lai, James Lam, David Lee, Billy Ng, Jessica So, Timothy So, Andy Te, Jevon Yu, and Siu Yu.

Kevin Fong thanked everyone involved in the annual meeting process and members for their participation this year.

Ballot vote counters

- a. Chinatown: Ying Pui Cheung, Daniel Ting, Aaron Yip, Brandon Lam, Chris Ho, Samantha Ho, Angela Ng, Elliot Lei, William leong and Michael Yip
- b. Newton: Chris Lun, Joey So, Selina Lee, Rebecca Chan, SiMing Li

### **14. Closing Prayer and Benediction**

Pastor Ken Liu closed the meeting in prayer and gave the benediction.