



LIFELIGHT

Annual Report of the English Congregation of CGCM – January 2018

Pastor Steve has finished writing his **Doctor of Ministry** thesis study on congregational evangelism. Thanks to all who prayed, encouraged and participated in the thesis project. Hopefully, he will defend successfully and graduate in May 2018. **Courageous Evangelism Training** will be a gift to this church and to multi-ethnic churches in New England.

In September, we joined with the rest of CGCM in the **35th Anniversary Retreat**. Our speaker, Jay Leroux was skyped in during Hurricane Irma. Workshops were conducted as a Concert of Prayer (impressive prayers by youth!) and Evangelism through the Wordless Book. The painting of the English Sanctuary was followed up by **New Carpets**. Thank You to Janell Koizumi for carpet selection and interior decorating. We now have a warm, inviting, visually pleasing space in which to worship. We also solved some sound issues and made minor upgrades.

The traditional Mothers'/Fathers' Day Picnic became a **Worship/Picnic on the Hill** event. On June 25th, we worshipped and preached with generator-powered sound, heard a special speaker, Colleen McCormack (Te Chou's niece) from Yale University CRU staff, and had food and fun on the hill. It was a great success and soon to be a church-wide event.

LEADERSHIP: Thanks go to the faithful leaders of LifeLight who plan, serve, advice and minister. They are Bill & Peggy Yu, Winnie Hua, Janell and Scott Koizumi, Jonathan and Phyllis Enoch, Kevin and Cecilia Hung, Kathy and Pastor Eric, and Jan and Pastor Steve Misarski. They are wonderful servant leaders we thank God for. Thanks to many others who usher, greet, cook, bake, clean, wash, pray etc. You are loved and appreciated.

WORSHIP: The commitment to Worship at LifeLight is impressive. Over twenty youth, adults and College students play, sing and technify worship either on a regular basis or fill in when available. Praise God for You All! We have built traditions here of the Advent Wreath, Candle Light Christmas, the Prayer Wall, Thursday Virtual Prayer, Mom's Morning Prayer, Outreach Film Sundays, among others. This year we celebrated the Passover Seder on Good Friday and gathered the whole church for a Watch Night Worship and Prayer Service.

FELLOWSHIP: The greatest advance this year was the establishment of a College and Career Fellowship Group thanks to Scott and Janell Koizumi. Eight to ten weekly for fellowship, study and prayer. They have also met socially for Bowling, BBQ and a Christmas Dinner. The Brother's Fellowship gathered men to Ski Wachusett and Hot Pot and Kayak and Dinner. Thanks to Kevin and Cecilia for hosting. We had a Farewell Dinner for Gordon and Jannie Liao and the boys. We Apple Picked as a Church Family and gathered for Family Christmas Party @ the Clubhouse. Thank you, Winnie. The Sister's Fellowship met for a Movie Night in the spring and packed 28 College Care Packages in the fall. We have also celebrated Birthdays every month with a cake at Coffee Hour.

OUTREACH: We gave gifts to ten children of incarcerated parents through Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree Project. Our ministry of Christmas Caroling at the Willows in Westborough grew to reach 50 residents.

TEACHING: Pastor Eric and Pastor Steve started a series on Mark: The Action Gospel and continue to work their way through. They also taught on Ecclesiastes: Life's Big Questions, The Five Solas of the Reformation, and an Advent Series on Light. Adult classes covered Jewish Roots of our Faith and The Invested Life (Discipleship). Time was spent in small group prayer and sharing each week.

VISION: Our theme for 2018: "Reaching Out Near and Far" Making Witness a Lifestyle