

# *CGCM Youth Ministry*

*Elder Joe Xu*

2014 is a special year for CGCM youth group. We said goodbye to our beloved youth pastor Timothy Lo, who faithfully served our youth for the past 7 years. Tim decided to move the whole family to the west coast and accepted the calling to serve another church in Los Angeles area.

It was sad to see Tim leaving, but God is good, who turned our loss into blessings, as he always does. We saw a lot of people stepping up to fill the vacuum left by Tim. A record number of parents attended the first youth parents meeting after Tim's leave. A few lay leaders, Lilia Lee, Ruth Chu, Lynne Wu, Tammy Wong and Joe Xu, formed youth working committee to take over the responsibilities for the youth ministry. Lilia Lee, Caroline Lee, Patrick Shum, David and Ruth Chu, Te Chou, Peggy and Bill Yu taught Youth Sunday School while Lynne Wu and Lilia Lee took the charge on Friday night with Jane Liao and Eva Zhu coming to the help in 2015.

In January 2015, we received the exciting news from our former youth pastor – Joyce Tsang. Joyce is willing to come back from Thailand to help us out for 3 month, from April to June. In the meantime, we were blessed with not one, but two well qualified candidates for our youth ministry. On February 3, 2015, Eric Sandberg accepted our offer to become our new youth minister starting in April. Praise the Lord!

Looking back, we are able to count more blessings:

- 6 youth members, Shirley Zhou, Brandon Yu, Maria Tu, Jane Xie, Natalie Ng and Lulu Yang, were baptized in 2014.
- 21 students attended the high school winter conference and 12 attended middle school WTC in 2014, while 30 went to the high school WTC and 21 middle school WTC in 2015.
- Over 160 teenagers came to our "Passion Night" on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> in the MPR from CBCGB (Lexington), CBCGL (Chelmsford) and BMWBC (Littleton). Our guest speaker and musical artist was Jason Chu, an Asian-American Christian hip-hop artist from L.A.
- 54 youth volunteers participated in the VBS ministry in 2014
- 8 students went to the Boston Project in the summer (July 13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2014)
- 15 youths attended Passion night at Lexington church on 11/28/2014

With God's love, a new youth minister, and a very motivated parental base, we are looking forward to another year of growth at CGCM in 2015.



*High School Winter Teen Conference*



*Middle School Winter Teen Conference*





*High School Girls Sunday School Small Group*



*Baptism*



*Christmas Worship*



*Youth Sunday School*



*30 Hour Famine – Break the Fast*





*Boston Project*



*Easter Worship*



*Passion Night*



*Farewell To Pastor Tim*



*CGCM Church Retreat – Oceanwood, Maine*

