MAN LAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH HONG KONG
(THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA)
North Point Church Morning Service
September 17, 2017 at 10:00 am

Education Sunday

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Order of Worship

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Sermon: Rev. Oliver Siu  Lector: Ms. Emily Cheung
Translator: Elder Helen Shih  Hymn Leading: Samuel Fellowship

〈Calling to Worship God〉

Call to worship ................................... ................................................... ............ Sit
Praise Hymns..................... 1. In Christ Name,................................. Stand
  2. Lord I Lift Your Name On High
Prayer.............................................................................................................Stand
Education Sunday Declaration (Please refer to P.3).........................................Sit
Preces and Responses (Please refer to P.4)......................................................Sit

〈Breathing in the Living Word〉

School Choir .........................The Next Generation ...............................Sit
  1. Oh How I Need You,
  2. Hosanna
Scripture Reading ........ Book of Jonah 1 : 1 - 2, 3 : 1 - 10 ..........................Sit

1:1  The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai:
1:2  “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”

3:1 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time:
3:2  “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”
3:3  Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it.
3:4  Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.”
3:5  The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.
When Jonah’s warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust.

This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink.

But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence.

Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

Sermon……………………………………………… “God of Jonah”……………………………………Sit

** Responding to the Word **

Reflections ..............................................................................................................................................Sit

Praise Anthem........................................... Gloria Patri.................................................................Stand

Offering ..................................................................................................................................................Sit

Offertory Anthem...........All Things Come Of Thee, O Lord ..................................................Stand

SS Report......................... Sunday School Principal.............................................................Sit

Welcome & Announcements .....Rev. Oliver Siu .................................................................Sit

Prayer.............................................. For October’s Evangelical.......................................................Sit

Lead by: Preacher Ben Too

Closing Hymn .................May Jesus give you peace ..........................................................Stand

Benediction .............................................................................................................................................Stand

** Please stay behind to exchange the peace of Christ with one another **

Receptionists: Sister Choi Wan Yuk, Sister Wong Seut Chun, Timothy Fellowship

Ushers: Sister Choi Wan Yuk, Sister Wong Seut Chun

Audio Visual: Brother Eric Lau
Manifesto on Education Sunday

The Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China has been actively involving in the education work for decades, as we believe that nurturing the next generation is our mission from God and that the Church is duty-bound to respond to actual social needs. “Preach and Serve through Schools” is our objective, for we truly believe that in accomplishing the sacred task of education with an attitude to serve God and people, we have also witnessed for the gospel.

We pursue the philosophy of “Holistic Education” which acknowledges life transformation and development of “personality” as the genuine purposes of education. Besides cultivating children and youngsters with good character, lofty sentiments and three virtues of wisdom, benevolence and courage, we expect them to have a positive life attitude, right values and strong social awareness with a yearning for justice and truth, so that they can take an active role in bringing improvements to society, making contributions to our country and promoting peace of mankind in the future.

We embrace the education principle of providing education for all and always advocate “universal education”, under which the next generation, irrespective of their wealth and intelligence, will have access to quality education. We uphold the teachings of Christ in running our schools, thereby guiding children and youngsters to take the right path, seek the truth of eternity and live an abundant life.

Facing the future, we will continue to take on the education mission, strive to meet the needs of society, seek reform in educational sphere and focus on democratic education, whereby nurturing people of this era with courage to assume responsibility, heart to serve and willingness to commit themselves. We hereby appeal to our schools to make greater concerted effort in delivering our mission, realising our vision of “Collaborating in Cultivating Abundant Life; Working Together to Witness the Great Love of Christ” and fostering the well-being of children and youngsters. Glory be to God!
Preces and Responses (P & R)

P: The Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China has been actively involving in the education work for decades, as we believe that nurturing the next generation is the Church’s mission from God. We adopt the teachings of Jesus to train up children and youngsters, urging them to love their families and practise filial piety; love their schools and pay due respect to their teachers; love their neighbours and keep a good rapport with them; love their community, serve it with passion and be a good citizen.

R: We are duty-bound to respond to actual social needs.

P: “Preach and Serve through Schools” is our objective, for we truly believe that in accomplishing the sacred task of education with an attitude to serve God and people, we have also witnessed for the gospel.

R: We should make sure that children and youngsters learn about and are inspired by the teachings of Christ, thereby building up a Christ-like personality during their development.

P: We pursue the philosophy of “Holistic Education” which acknowledges life transformation and development of “personality” as the genuine purposes of education. Besides cultivating children and youngsters with good character, lofty sentiments and three virtues of wisdom, benevolence and courage, we expect them to have a positive life attitude, right values and strong social awareness with a yearning for justice and truth, so that they can take an active role in bringing improvements to society, making contributions to our country and promoting peace of mankind in the future.

R: We should practise what we preach and set a good example for children and youngsters.

P: We embrace the education principle of providing education for all and practise “universal education”, under which the next generation, irrespective of their wealth and intelligence, will have access to quality education. We uphold the teachings of Christ in running our schools, thereby guiding children and youngsters to take the right path, seek the truth of eternity and live an abundant life.

R: We should love and serve each and every child and youngster.

P: Facing the future, we will continue to take on the education mission, strive to meet the needs of society, seek reform in educational sphere and focus on democratic education, whereby nurturing people of this era with courage to assume responsibility, heart to serve and willingness to commit themselves.

R: We should make every endeavour to achieve this.

P: We hereby appeal to our schools to make greater concerted effort in delivering our mission, realizing our vision of “Collaborating in Cultivating Abundant Life; Working Together to Witness the Great Love of Christ” and fostering the well-being of children and youngsters. Glory be to God!

All say: Amen.
Questionnaire

1. Which aspects of the education work of the Council / School do you think have practicably fulfilled the ideals in the Manifesto?

2. Which aspects of the education work of the Council / School do you think require further efforts to fulfill the ideals in the Manifesto?

3. Do you have any comments or suggested amendments with regard to the context of the Manifesto?