

Pass It On

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*Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.” The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.*

~Psalm 126:2-3, NIV~

The year of 2014 was a milestone of hospital chaplaincy ministry in Hong Kong. While celebrating 30th Anniversary of the ministry, the regular programs for professional development and pastoral education were concurrently run with anniversary activities throughout the year. Representatives of affiliate chaplaincy teams formed the Organizing Committee with five corresponding Task Groups to administer series of anniversary events. Though hectic for the teams, it was a fruitful year filled with partnership, mutual learning, blessings and gratitude.

To Promote Chaplaincy through Sharing Vision

Chaplaincy ministry needs to be made known and supported by churches and hospitals. The Church Network Task Group organized six Cluster Luncheon Gatherings for church pastors and leaders in which we shared the vision of hospital chaplaincy and its partnership with local congregations. There were 360 pastors from 276 churches attending to these luncheon gatherings. Many attendees appreciated these gatherings from which they learned the values of the ministry and felt encouraged to motivate their congregations to participate in hospital chaplaincy ministry.



Reception at the Luncheon



Table Fellowship



Sharing the Vision

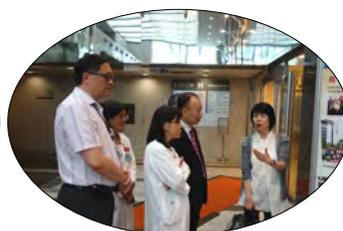


Witness of Collaboration

Besides outreaching local churches, the Media and Publication Task Group helped to design and set up Exhibition Panels in 18 public and private hospitals. Gratefully, hospital executives showed their support by visiting panels and cheering for chaplaincy teams.



Exhibition Panels



Visited by HCE and Hospital Staff



Illustrating the Contents to Visitors



Cheering for Chaplaincy Team

This Task Group also produced a slide show on ministry review as well as published two article collections namely *Rainbows in Hospitals* and *CPE Close Up*. These are concrete tools to share our vision by visualizing soulful encounters in private places through images, words and stories, etc.



Rainbows in Hospitals

CPE Close Up

To Honor Chaplaincy Volunteers through Recognition

Volunteers are important asset for chaplaincy ministry. There were around 1,200 volunteers serving regularly in different chaplaincy teams in 2014. The Volunteer Task Group held a Volunteer Recognition Day to honor their long term services and commitment. Around 350 volunteers from 17 teams participated in this ceremony. They have demonstrated passion for caring patients and families and are well deserved our recognition, encouragement and support. Although a crystal key chain is just a small token, word of thanks was carved from our hearts.



Playing Team Building Game



Guests of Honor



Crystal Key Chains



Volunteers from Different Chaplaincy Teams

To Improve Chaplaincy Quality through Education

In addition to regular education programs such as chaplain seminars, CPEs and chaplain certification, run by the Association, The Symposium Task Group organized *Spirituality and Medicine Symposium* which was targeted for medical and helping professionals, chaplains, pastors, seminarians, etc. This 2-day symposium was consisted of three sessions addressing reflections on medical practice, pastoral practice, and clinical integration, then concluded by a devotional meeting for public. We were thankful to have renowned plenary speakers from Taiwan and local areas to present in different sessions. Providing quality pastoral education continued to be an indispensable essence in chaplaincy development. Although the cost is high, the benefit is priceless. Some of the programs were listed below:

Month	Program	Counts
Feb	Developing Theories-based Hospital Chaplaincy	40
Feb-May	Spring CPE for Chaplains	4
March	Pastoral and Practical Reflection on Bedside Baptism	40
May	The Past, Presence and Future of Chaplain Continuing Education	18
Jun-Aug	Summer CPE for Seminarians	5



Spring CPE for Chaplains



Fall CPE for Chaplains



Summer CPE for Seminarians



2014-15 CPE Residency

Month	Program	Counts
June	The 10 th Chaplains' Day: Transformed by Reviewing Your Mind	105
	Experiential Learning: Dance	22
	Experiential Learning: Games	23
	Experiential Learning: Music	26
	Experiential Learning: Devotion	34



The 10th Chaplains' Day



Devotional Message



Experiential Learning: Dance



Reflection on Bedside Baptism



Chaplain I/Cs Retreat



Orientation for New Chaplains



Pastoral Training for ATS Seminarians

Month	Program	Counts
July	Chaplain-in-charge Retreat: The "We and I" After 30 th	14
August	Orientation Program for New Chaplains	10
2013-14	Year-long CPE Residency	5
Sep-Nov	Fall CPE for Chaplains	5
Sept	Spirituality and Medicine Symposium	585
	Open Devotional Gathering: To Call Your God Urgently	1,000
Oct & Dec	Training for Chaplaincy Team of Alliance Theological Seminary	24



Speakers and Chairpersons



Rev. Dr. Tung from Taiwan



Symposium Panel



Devotional Gathering

To Witness Chaplaincy Ministry through Celebration

The 30th Anniversary came to a climax in Thanksgiving Banquet organized by the Banquet Task Group. The dining hall was packed with 70 tables serving more than 800 guests and hosts. Honorable guests including government officials, hospital executives, denomination and seminary representatives, donors and sponsors were seated in the middle of the hall hosted by 20 chaplaincy committees. Over 260 chaplains, committee and staff members were recognized with Long Service Awards. It was a grateful celebration that witnessed the growth of both the hospital chaplaincy ministry as well as the chaplaincy teams. Thanks be to God.



Speech Presented by
Government Official



Banquet



Long Service Awards



Anniversary Anthem Presented
by Chaplains

Conclusion

The 30th Anniversary is a communal sacrifice to witness and glorify God. Thirty years of history has offered us valuable ministry experiences for review and reflection. Recognition often generates expectations as opportunity always comes with challenges. In 2014, 95 out of 124 eligible staff chaplains joined the chaplain registration scheme. Forty chaplains returned their voluntary CCE reports. Two chaplains applied for chaplain certification and both of them succeeded. This generation is neither the alpha nor the omega, but a generation in transition and transformation through which we hope to build our chaplaincy team in future with a clearer calling, stronger passion, longer commitment, and higher competence.

"If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." ~1 Corinthians 12:26-27 NIV~

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