## BCBC 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition

## Fellowship Department

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As the new Director of Fellowship, I need the old Director to show me the rope. As I came to realize the number of people and other resources commanded by the old Director, I was scared. I am not a detail person, but there are a lot of details to be attended to in order to have the Church Retreat in July. Although I know he will help in regardless, I volunteered to write Fellowship Department Report when it was needed. It is not much of a report, but I hope to tickle your fancy in enjoying fellowship again.

I will be happy if we have the Church Retreat complete successfully in July this year. But then, I was asked if we should promote the Husband and Wife Relationship Improvement program, and if we should change our Church Retreat timing from July each year to the long weekend in May. I prayed to my Lord that we will have these and many programs that will build up our brothers and sisters in our Church; that we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrews 10:24-25).

10 Fellowships excluding the various Cell Groups in the Mandarin Fellowship were being held in our Church or in various homes. Praise the Lord, for those who regularly attending Fellowships, I heard good times to have in Lord and in the love of brothers and sisters. Also I heard another rumbling, and I am not sure if it is good or bad. I heard comments that the relationship of our fellowship members was better and closer than the relationship with our own brothers and sisters by blood. We enjoyed fun, learning and caring gathering twice a month, a lot more frequent than our meetings with our own brothers and sisters. The concluding solution was to meet only once a month, so we can be more relaxed.

Although it was not the same person making all the remarks, the reasoning and the expected benefits of the reduced frequency did not address the rumbling. May be I did not hear the right rumbling, or may be it is just a reflection of changing over time. I was in the Winter Retreat for East Canada Christian earlier. Dr. Leung Yee Shing shared the teachings of Ecclesiastes. I am not attempting to summarize his sharing in 6 long sessions, I just wanted to share with you one of my takeaways. He mentioned we all changing, we changed how we think and act as we aged. Also, we can eat and drink, and to enjoy the fruits from our work, as they are blessings from the hands of our Lord. But if that's our main pursues, and we forgot what we can and should do for my brothers and sisters, and to support each other, then, these pursues will be meaningless.

We spent hours already searching and follow up with the various sites for the availability and offerings, we will continue to work through the decision process. We might not be able to change our Retreat timing from July to May, but I will not be discouraged. I will continue to try hard to serve all challenges God lay in my path for the good of my Church, and I will enjoy the peace at the end of my term; I tried.

Will you please pray for my Fellowship team to serve our Lord well, and please join me to gather with your heart on what you can do for your brothers and sisters frequently, don't ever stop.