



2017

Hong Kong Church Network for the Poor Annual Report



Collaborate to Empower in Christ's Love

Thanks to the Lord's endless grace and guidance, Hong Kong Church Network for the Poor (HKCNP) continued to take care of the needy and promote community transformation in 2017. The "Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report 2016" revealed poverty problem in Hong Kong has not shown signs of amelioration: 1.352 million people are still living below the poverty line, which is 7000 persons more than last year. In a society where one in six people in poverty, HKCNP and our partners must continue to develop our ministries as well as enhance liaison with various sectors in pursuit of our mission on caring for the poor in one spirit.

Thank the Lord for letting more churches and social groups embrace the beliefs of HKCNP. And they have taken part in and formed an extensive poverty alleviation network by contributing their own resources to respond to the needs of society. So far, more than 1000 partner institutions and organizations have developed anti-poverty campaigns and served communities with HKCNP. The HKCNP Poverty Forum held in October provided 150 churches and 25 organizations with opportunities to liaise with one another in order to deliver resources and services to those in need effectively. We believe that if Christians, churches, organizations and enterprises complement each other to the benefit of the improvement of the local poverty problem by sharing their resources and experience. Unity of churches in the Lord can be witnessed and people can be served with the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.



In consideration of poverty as a structural problem in Hong Kong, HKCNP continued to extend the development of "Child Development Fund" and "Youth Upward Mobility Mentorship Program." Last year, we helped youngsters to build social capital and enhance their ability of upward mobility to lift themselves out of "generational poverty" in the long term. We were sad to find many youngsters in society go out on a limb and fail to seek their life goals and meaning of life. I implore everyone to pray for them and hope more members of the society would take up the roles of mentors and journey with the youth, thereby helping them to overcome spiritual impoverishment, identify their way forward as well as recognize the value of life.

With the grace of the Lord, prayers and support from all Christians and our partners in Hong Kong, church leaders and pastors, leaders and fellows of various organizations, partner enterprises, committee members and advisors of HKCNP, especially the three founding organizations of

HKCNP - Hong Kong Chinese Christian Churches Union, Hong Kong Christian Council and Hong Kong Church Renewal Movement, HKCNP was able to focus on delivering its mission, establishing a network and serving the public. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the parties above. By serving people as a united spirit in Lord, you are demonstrating the abundant kindness and mercy of the Lord. May the Lord reward your love!

**Rev Li Ping Kwong, SBS
(Chairman of HKCNP)**

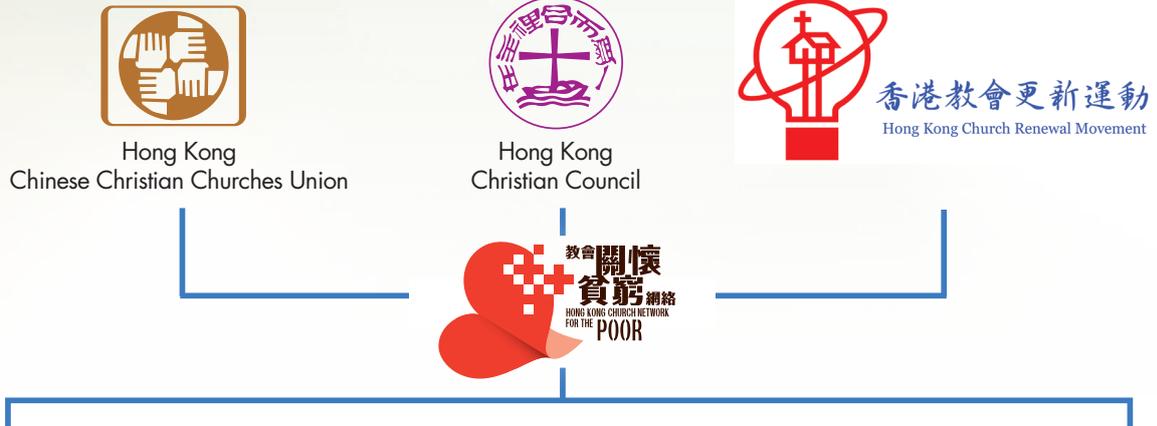
	Poor Population (Poverty Rate)		
	2014	2015	2016
Poverty situation in Hong Kong (Pre-policy intervention)	1.325 million (19.6%)	1.345 million ↑ (19.7%)	1.352 million ↑ (19.9%)
Poverty situation of the elderly (Post-recurrent cash policy intervention)	294 thousand (30.0%)	308 thousand ↑ (30.1%)	337 thousand ↑ (31.6%)
Poverty situation of children (Post-recurrent cash policy intervention)	182 thousand (18.2%)	182 thousand ↓ (18.0%)	172 thousand ↓ (17.2%)

For more poverty data, please refer to <http://www.hkcnp.org.hk/download/statistics/cop/>

*Source: "Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report" by the Commission on Poverty

**The wealth gap problem in Hong Kong is still serious,
HKCNP will continue to promote Asset Based Community Transformation Movement and
be a witness of unity with our partners!**

1300+  **1400+**  **500,000+** 
 HKCNP proactively liaise with more than 1300 churches, 1400 Christian organizations and schools, and 500 thousand Christians to establish a citywide poverty alleviation network.



Encourage religious groups to care for grass-root families and invite more members of the community to contribute their time and become mentors. By serving and caring for the youngsters and influencing the lives of others with their own, inter-generational poverty can then be eradicated.

All churches in the world belong to the body of Jesus Christ, therefore should keep the commandment of caring for the neighborhood and loving others as self in one spirit. HKCNP proactively liaise with churches, organizations and Christians to share and cooperate with each other so as to serve the community and demonstrate the abundant kindness of and unity of churches in the Lord.

We advocate and promote different anti-poverty issues and movements among different sectors to encourage responses and care for poverty situation in the society and the needy. A powerful force, which will influence the whole society and cause policy changes, can be formed.



We connect and empower churches, organizations, schools and enterprises in different districts and provide the needy there with support and service in various aspects. And mobilize more people to care for the community and create a healthy culture of social inclusion, fraternity and mutual care.

We connect churches, frontline agencies and enterprises to provide our partners with food, different supplies, services and support in serving the grassroots in districts, and let them take it as a medium and starting point to care for and serve poor families in the long term by providing services, taking care of and visiting them.

Collaboration is needed in this era as people are touched and would like to express their feelings through actions. No church, organization or professional sector can alleviate, combat and prevent poverty alone. We are all blessed children, who are equally precious, of the loving Heavenly Father. We need to share the love and mercy of the Lord with the world so they can truly benefit from the Gospel.

Rev Peter Lam (Senior Pastor of Evangelical Free Church of China - Kong Fok Church)

Vision

Our Lord has heard the cry of the under-privileged people in Hong Kong, it's He who calls His people, sends them into communities of the poor: walk humbly with God, act justly and love mercy; speak according to the truth, act from a caring heart to manifest the witness of our church in trinity.

Through establishing partnership with local churches, frontline Christian organizations and Christians from all walks of life, HKCNP creates a unified platform to perform advocacy and educational activities for the poor, and provide prayer and financial support to frontline organizations, churches and Christian communities, which offer pastoral care to the poor and carry out activities that help the poor to alleviate and overcome poverty.

Mission

Position

With its knowledge-based, caring and trusted services, HKCNP facilitates and support co-operations between churches, Christian organizations, schools, enterprises and government departments that aim to serve the poor. By forming a community network and leveraging one another's experience, expertise and resources, they can reach more disadvantaged groups in need otherwise not accessible to them and discharge their mandates and missions in a more effective way, so as to improve the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of the poor with the ultimate goal to collaborate to eradicate inter-generational poverty in Hong Kong in the long term.

Founding Organization



Hong Kong
Chinese Christian Churches Union



Hong Kong
Christian Council



香港教會更新運動
Hong Kong Church Renewal Movement

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Member Organization

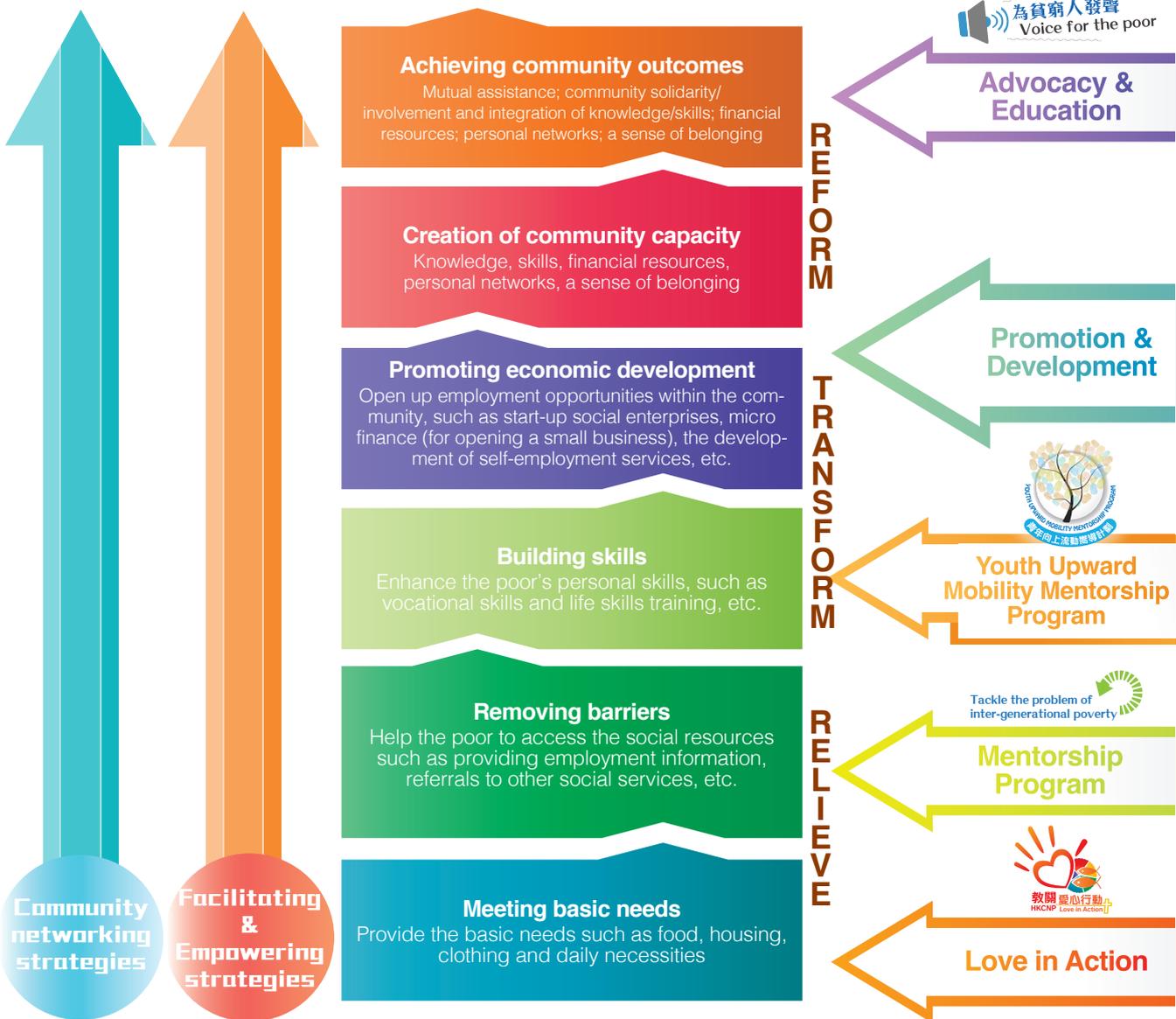
The Industrial Evangelistic Fellowship	The Society for Truth and Light
Mission To New Arrivals	The Urban Peacemaker Evangelistic Fellowship
Christian Action	Olive Capital Fund
Cedar Fund	Child Development Matching Fund
Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	
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Ms. Yu Miu Wan

To fulfill the basic needs of poor people and eliminate the adverse conditions that aggravate poverty, we established a community poverty alleviation network so as to connect various sectors of the society in an attempt to provide services and supplies, and develop a caring culture. Besides, we recruit mentors and raise fund to serve the youngsters in need for further eradication of inter-generational poverty.

On top of that, by promoting skills enhancement courses and advocating education in various sectors, we attempt to empower and mobilize every member and group in communities, so they will be able to make use of their own resources to support the community as well as building a caring, self-reliant and sustainable society.



The Network of Poverty Relief Networks with Prayers

That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. John 17:21

Details of community transformation model
http://www.hkcnp.org.hk/core_services/transformation_model/



HKCNP 10.10.10 Anti-Poverty Campaign

In 2012, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution to declare 17 October as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty and invited all States to devote the Day to remember people living in poverty, fight against destitution collaboratively, tackle deficiency through concrete actions, make concerted efforts to have everyone's human rights respected and enhance the abilities of the poor and the disadvantaged to defend themselves from disasters. Since 2012 HKCNP responded to the appeal by launching "HKCNP 10.10.10 Anti-Poverty Campaign" to encourage groups to pay attention to the needs of the poor and voice out for them by experiencing the work on poverty alleviation and taking actions to care for the poor.

About 650 churches, organizations, enterprises and schools have been working together to serve the community and witnessed the love of the Lord in unity.



"Oct 17 Fast-a-Meal"

HKCNP, "Lions Clubs International District 303 - Hong Kong & Macao, China" and "United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Hong Kong Association" responded to the appeal of International Day for the Eradication of Poverty to hold the "Oct 17 Fast-a-Meal" event on that day. Rev Li Ping Kwong, Chairman of HKCNP, shared messages of poverty alleviation and thereupon commenced the "Cooked rice sharing project". The function helped churches and schools liaise with communities and walk with the grassroots accordingly in the long term.

HKCNP 10.10.10 Shatin Love Feast

We connected schools and churches in early October to serve the grassroots, deliver the love of Jesus Christ, evangelize and build sustainable relationship with them through dinner, performance, booths, etc. Becoming close neighbors with the spirit of helping and loving in the long term, the community can be transformed as an inclusive one.

HKCNP Poverty Forum 2017

Please refer to the page on the right.

"Oct 17 Fast-a-Meal" Arts and Photography Competition

Please refer to page 9.



The list of churches, schools, institutes and enterprises which took part in the 6th "HKCNP 10.10.10 Anti-Poverty Campaign"
http://www.hkcnp.org.hk/core_services/101010/participation_list/

By adding a little sugar, we can turn bitter coffee into delicious beverage. A little bit of light from everyone can dispel darkness. Therefore, the world can be changed if everyone shows some care and support.

Rev Li Ping Kwong (Chairman of HKCNP)

HKCNP Poverty Forum

Hidden Assets - Creating Sustainable Community and Sharing Hidden Assets

The Poverty Forum encourages participants to explore hidden assets in the community so we may empower and mobilize partners in the community and transform the community together. There were over 240 participants who work collaboratively to start evangelical ministry and create a community of kindness and a helping spirit.



- Invited Dr Philemon Choi Yuen Wan, the Vice Chairman of HKCNP, to share the poverty alleviation message in the bible, and Rev So Tat Wing, Senior Pastor of Mu Min Cumberland Presbyterian Church, to share his work in community transformation in Tung Chung and the service model derived from the pilot scheme for reference and use by other districts.
- Workshops were organized and leaders from various sectors were invited to share experience they gained in poverty alleviation work. An extensive range of impressive content and topics were included in the workshops, e.g. mentor and mentee scheme, education advocacy, community fund, a witness who was touched and therefore started a canteen, etc.



- A ministry fair was held after the Forum and 27 booths were set up by our partner organizations to share their work with the participants as well as to seek opportunities for collaboration. Churches and organizations were connected and resources were shared, which allowed them to give one another support and encouragement while serving the community in a more powerful way.
- Through the Poverty Forum, experience that the participants gained in poverty alleviation work was shared, practical knowledge and resources were exchanged, synergy was achieved, the spirit of unity was given full play and communities were helped in a more effectively way.
- HKCNP connected with a research team of The University of Hong Kong after the Forum. A research project will be started in 2018 to input more quantitative data and case sharing to our poverty alleviation work.

Sharing

The content and workshop powerpoint of HKCNP Poverty Forum 2017:
http://www.hkcn.org.hk/activities_review/pervious_acts/pf/pf2017/

A Christian sister from an English-speaking church on Hong Kong Island was deeply touched after hearing the sharing given by Rev So Tat Wing of Tung Chung during HKCNP Poverty Forum 2017 and she hoped that she could use her gift and network to serve the community. Through HKCNP, she was then introduced to Rev So, from whom she learnt about the needs of Tung Chung District and the development plan of the church. The Christian sister then facilitate and support the development of the church by making use of a learning centre which she was preparing to establish and her expertise in handling fund application. The members and pastors of the church were professionally and administratively supported when liaising with the government and business sector. In this way, resources and talents were shared and people could work together as well as serve communities across districts.

Mu Min Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Coming event - HKCNP Poverty Forum 2018

Date: 22 November 2018 (Thursday)

Venue: St Andrew's Church

Enrolment: <https://goo.gl/EUadSa>

**Register now to share and
serve together!**

Churches should be working on transformation. By transforming a city, suppression can be removed and poverty will be eradicated.

Rev Lo Wai Ki (Chief Pastor of Kowloon Methodist Church)



Advocacy & Education

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Educating various sectors while advocating different anti-poverty issues and movements. By encouraging participation from all sectors in concerning the poverty situation in the society and caring for people in need, a powerful force, which will influence the whole society and cause policy changes, can be formed.



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Voice for the poor



To church and Christian

- Arouse concern and encourage them to serve the poor
- Establish poverty alleviation ministry
- Integrate evangelical mission and social care



To frontline service institute and enterprise

- Encourage exchange and sharing of resources
- Form a poverty alleviation network
- Share vision and join hands



To the Government

- Submissions to Government
- Reflect the needs of poor family
- Secure resources for partner organizations



To the public

- Reflect the current poverty situation in Hong Kong
- Develop a caring community culture through media and online platform
- Proactively invite various sectors of the society to participate in poverty alleviation movement

Submission for Policy Address

HKCNP has always been focusing on alleviating poverty at source, preventing the spread of generational poverty, actively promoting and developing programs focusing on children and teenagers from low-income families. Therefore, HKCNP sent in submission for 2017 Policy Address to Mrs. Carrie Lam, the Chief Executive. It is hoped that the government can heed our suggestions and consider our experience when formulating policy programs in the next few years, so the Children Development Fund and Youth Upward Mobility Mentorship Program can gain more support in terms of resources and policy.

- **Improve "Child Development Fund" (CDF) continuously:** promote the program and mentorship culture, recognize and enhance the capacity building of implementing organizations, adjust the capital input of CDF program modestly, fulfill the needs of the operators and enhance the subsequent complementary measures and long-term effect of CDF.
- **Develop "Post Child Development Fund program":** allocate additional resources to implement territory-wide "Post Child Development Fund program". By doing so, organizations that once implemented CDF could extend the program to continuously support its members after their graduation, and the problem of inter-generational poverty is more likely to be tackled.
- **Continue to promote "Career-readiness Mentorship Scheme":** provide human resources and capital to ensure the scheme can be implemented in all schools in Hong Kong. Continue to support the research and evaluation parts of the scheme and therefore enhance upward mobility of the youth.
- **Support "Youth Upward Mobility Mentorship Program" (YUM):** incorporate "Youth Upward Mobility Mentorship Program" into Commission on Youth's regular projects in the future and allocate funding for territory-wide implementation, so more enterprises, schools and districts could be connected and cooperate with each other to tackle the problem encountered in upward mobility.

More about our policy advocacy work:
http://www.hkcnp.org.hk/core_services/advocacy/

“Oct 17 Fast-a-Meal” Arts and Photography Competition

The 4th “Oct 17 Fast-a-Meal” was held in 2017. The activity aims to arouse the public concern on United Nations’ “International Day for the Eradication of Poverty” on 17 October and “HKCNP 10.10.10 Anti-Poverty Campaign” through the following four elements and address the poverty problem in Hong Kong by taking practical steps. The event was organized by HKCNP and co-organized by CF Christian Family and D-Park.

School talk and poverty alleviation service

- HKCNP delivered poverty alleviation message in primary and secondary schools and contacted churches to serve communities together.
- Helped students and parents to step out of their comfort zones, so they were able to meet and care for the needy in the communities.



Arts Contest

- More than 1000 entries were received and an award presentation ceremony was held in October
- Over 50 winning entries were exhibited in D-Park in Tsuen Wan, Central MTR Station, New World Tower in Central, Kwun Tong Promenade and Youth Square in Chai Wan.
- The winning entries were also auctioned for charity while all the proceeds of the auction went to the HKCNP “Child Development Fund Mentorship Program” for helping disadvantaged youth in achieving upward social mobility and realizing their dreams.



Sharing

It is a great pleasure for me to take part in the mural production of HKCNP “Oct 17 Fast-a-Meal” Arts and Photography Competition as it is very meaningful to promote civic education and arouse public concern on the disadvantage with very limited resources by integrate the entries for the competition in a mural. Therefore, our school is very happy to lend out the hoardings outside our school for the mural. The event is also strongly supported by parents as they were very enthusiastic in helping their children to join the competition. Our students were able to work with other participants to take part in community service and advocate to the public the spirit of community caring through mural creation.

Ms CHAN Mei Ngan
(Principal of Chan’s Creative School)

I have been living in a sub-divided unit 8 years. Though we have very limited space here, I am able to eat, to chat and to watch television everyday with my family, which gives me family warmth.

Junior primary section
(Topic: If I live in a cubicle apartment)

Brief description of winning entry

Mural Production

- Integrate the essence of the entries for the competition in a mural which was drawn on the external wall of Chan’s Creative School on Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.
- Draw public attention to the poverty problem facing by the grassroots concretely and encourage them to care for those with very limited resources in the society by taking practical steps.



Latest news of “Oct 17 Fast-a-Meal” : <http://1017.hkcnp.org.hk/>
Facebook Page : <http://fb.com/hkcnp1017/>



- 2002 • Found the "Church Campaign for the Unemployed"
- 2008 • Renamed and "Hong Kong Church Network for the Poor" was formally incorporated

Major Development Projects

2007-2013

2014



Cumulative number of parties that took part in HKCNP projects

2012 • **228 parties**
2013 • **265 parties**

• **380 parties**

10.10.10 Anti-Poverty Campaign

2012 • 2012 Set the theme of "10.10.10 Anti-Poverty Campaign" and encourage participation of churches

• Held the Rich and Poor Feast for Christians and let them experience the poor

Poverty Forum

2011 • Held the "Poverty Forum in Sham Shui Po District"
2012 • Held the "Poverty Forum in Kwun Tong District"

• Held the "Poverty Forum in Sha Tin"

"Oct 17 Fast-a-Meal"

• The 1st gathering was held, response to need of community through fasting and donation.

Advocacy and Education

Poverty caring course and resources

2013 • A course on "Christian's Mission to Respond to Disparity between the Rich and the Poor" was organized by Shatin Baptist Church, one of our partner.

• Cooperated with Chinese Bible Society Limited to promote the booklet "If there is a poor man in your city"

Poverty caring message sharing and resources publishing

2012 • Articles were published in "Christian Times" to encourage the readers to care for the disadvantaged. Advice for Policy Address was submitted every year to express the citizens' view on poverty alleviation.
2013 • Continued to have articles published in "Christian Weekly", "Angel's Heart" and "Ming Pao".

• Published promotional materials and content, which was also available to further share HKCNP's poverty alleviation vision with English-speaking churches

Child Development Fund Mentorship Program

2007 • Launched the "Church Intensive Community Mentoring Pilot Program"
2008 • The Government adopted the mode and allocated \$300 million to establish the "Children Development Fund". We sponsored two organizations to take part in the first batch of the government program in the following year and continued to sponsor multiple organizations every year.

• HKCNP commissioned the Hong Kong Polytechnic University to conduct research on faith-based mentorship, which strengthened the relationship and interaction of faith-based mentorship program.
• Cumulative number of sponsored children sponsored by HKCNP: 23

Upward Mobility

Youth Upward Mobility Mentorship Pilot Program

Social Inclusion

Community Service

2012 • Participated in a meeting of Shamshui Po Poor Family Concern Group
2013 • Several "East Kowloon Poverty Alleviation Network Meeting" were held in Kwun Tong District. A strong church network was established to serve the poor in the district and transform the community.

• Connected enterprises/organizations in Chung with churches and organizations in other districts to gain support in response to poverty

Love in Action

Love in Action

2009 • "Love Food Bank" was established and short-term food assistance project was implemented by 4 partner organizations

• "Love in Action" was launched to encourage district partners in serving the poor through free resources and services in the community

Peace Box Campaign

• Co-organized the event for the first time, where love were given away to families to let them feel the warm care.

	2015	2016	2017
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 536 parties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 743 parties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1014 parties
<p>over 100 the life of</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held the Shatin Love Feast and gathered the resources of churches to throw grassroots families a banquet which consisted of 50 tables 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend the campaign by inviting participation of enterprises and schools and voice out for the poor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 600 organizations have taken part in the Anti-Poverty Campaign
<p>District"</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held a citywide Poverty Forum for the first time and it will be held every year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The forum was held in both English and Cantonese for the first time, which showed the unity of churches in Hong Kong 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A ministry fair was newly held and 27 booths were set up by organizations to share their ministries; about 250 people from 150 churches participated in the event.
<p>ended to the ng, praying</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellowships from the business sector were invited to join the 2nd gathering so as to disseminate the vision. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized an arts contest for the first time and held talks in schools to share information about the poverty situation in Hong Kong. Over 1000 entries from students were received. The event was included in the event list of the Government's "Appreciate Hong Kong" campaign of that year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mural production on external walls of a school was added to the 2nd arts contest to promote community caring. Winning entries were exhibited in 5 districts to arouse public concern.
<p>International here is found</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Simple Living Booklet" was developed by Heritage Baptist Church, one of our partner. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized the "Certificate in Poverty Alleviation Ministry" course jointly with Alliance Bible Seminary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Belief and Community Practice Poverty Caring Course" was taught by Pastor Kung Wai Lok
<p>al with rich e in English, eradication nes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoted the E-learning Program to stimulate disadvantaged students' efficiency and interest in learning, so as to enhance their ability to lift themselves out of "inter-generational poverty". 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in writing a movement research-based report in the field of "Community service and mission" in the 9th Chinese Congress On World Evangelization to encourage Christians to take on the responsibilities of providing community service and evangelizing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to encourage the development of poverty alleviation ministry in various sectors, a "District-based poverty service" booklet, which included information of the resources, funding and plans of HKCNP and its partners, was produced.
<p>Hong Kong a study on ned light on of faith and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pushed ahead with the development of the program, including giving the Government a concise explanation on room for improvement of the program, so as to improve youth policy objectives in the Policy Address • Cumulative number of grassroots children sponsored by HKCNP: 4481 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the participation of churches and schools in "School-based Program". Mentors from 6 churches and organizations, and about 400 students from 6 schools took part in it. • Cumulative number of grassroots children sponsored by HKCNP: 4851 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HKCNP has been committed to promoting and sponsoring the program. 20 partner units has taken part in more than 60 projects, benefitting over 6000 grassroots children. • Undertook preparatory work for the extension of the program to help grassroots children in the longer term.
<p>nd grassroots 351</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to fulfill the needs of youth in upward mobility, preparatory work for YUM was undertaken. A vision sharing banquet was held and over 100 business leaders participated in the event with enthusiastic response. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launched the "Youth Upward Mobility Mentorship Program" and 2 enterprises took part in it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 enterprises took part in the program which was supported by mentors from churches and Christian groups and 38 teenagers aged 18-22 were helped.
<p>ions in Tung nizations in sources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regarding the completion of a new estate, HKCNP connected churches in Sha Tin district to serve the residents in Shui Chuen O and help them adapt to the new environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued to support the development of network and community-related work in Tsz Wong area through "Love in Action" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District service report of Tsz Wong area was finished to help plan the long-term development of the network
<p>support our grassroots with ong term</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoted cross-church and cross-district resources matching with "Love Meal Coupon" and activity allowance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoted "Love Canteen" and assisted churches to provide cooked meal service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced the living environment of the grassroots with our partners to improve the physical, mental and spiritual health of the poor
<p>st time. Gifts grassroots th of mutual</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More partners (26 organizations) joined us in visits, free cooked meal service and Love Food Bank to give away the boxes to the disadvantaged. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Became one of the organizer instead of a supporting organization. The event was included in the event list of the Government's "Appreciate Hong Kong" campaign of that year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6865 Peace Boxes were given away to the grassroots in Hong Kong Island, Kowloon, the New Territories and Islands District. The campaign was one of the events under the Hong Kong Gospel Festival.



Social Inclusion

Direction of community ministry and community work

We believe the Lord has given everyone their own meaning of life and talent. Therefore, based on the theme of "how can the poor in the community live out their lives and to give full play to their talents", we developed our ministry, emphasized and mobilized what they own. By finding out the talent that the poor owned and the resources available in the community, those "assets" could be used complementarily while churches and institutes acted as the media. In this way, those with specific ability could bring their potential into full play while the others could get the assistance they needed in finding their own abilities. A beneficiary would soon become a helper and found out that they could contribute to the society using their own power.

Continued to support the development of poverty alleviation network in community

Sha Tin District:

- Continued to prayer walk with district members
- Provided assistance in connecting churches to hold concerts, Christmas events, etc.
- Connected churches with schools to implement School-based Child Development Fund Program which allowed churches to contact the community in a more effective way

Tsz Wan Shan and Wong Tai Sin area (Tsz Wong area):

- Provided resources needed for Love in Action
- Reviewed current ministries and resources to evaluate and analyze the effectiveness of the ministries so as to explore possible direction for development
- Explore room for applying for government funds for Tsz Wong area
- Composed a research report to help organizations within or outside the district learn about the area and facilitate ministry planning.

and other districts



Number of participating church, organizations, schools and enterprises in each district:



1041 in total

Child Development Fund Mentorship Program (CDF)

For grassroots teenagers aged 10-16



In 2007, HKCNP first launched the "Church Intensive Community Mentoring Pilot Program". The Government adopted the model later in 2008 and has cumulatively allocated \$900 million to establish and implement the "Children Development Fund", which aimed to offer long-term and sustainable help to the next generation. The policy utilized and integrated the resources gained from families, private institutes, the society and the Government effectively to provide disadvantaged children with support in long-term development, so as to facilitate their long-term personal development and help them lift themselves out of generational poverty.

through assisting mentor recruitment, sponsoring mentee matching fund, coordinating joint functions, etc. In the 6 phases of district-based program and 4 phases of school-based program, HKCNP has sponsored 20 partner units to take part in more than 60 projects, benefitting over 6000 mentees.

The three-year "Faith-based Child Development Fund Study" was completed and report was published. Please refer to the powerpoint at <https://goo.gl/ade3yj>.

Tackle the problem of inter-generational poverty



Details of the 6th phase of district-based program and the 4th phase of school-based program as well as projects sponsored by HKCNP:

http://www.hkcnp.org.hk/core_services/mentorship/newstage/



Sharing

During these three years, the mentees have grown up and we could now discuss more mature topics like life direction. Once I called him while his was at home, he picked up the call and I suddenly realized that his voice changed already. The child has grown up and became a teenager.

I was left with a profound impression that the teenager has really grown up with me. I kept contact with his mother to exchange information about the mentee's recent situation. His mother was grateful to me for spending time with his son and she thought that his son changed and behaved well after he took part in CDF program. Our mentorship program came to an end today, but we would carry on our relationship by keeping in touch and being each other's company.

Mentor Mr William Lo (HKCNP Executive Committee member, Chairman of The Hong Kong Association of Christian Accountants)



The student experienced some physical and mental changes after enrolled in secondary school, and had her own

thought and would like to get away with the control of her parents.....She preferred to hang around on the streets, joined gangs and even ran away from home as she was always scolded at home. During this period of time, her father was angry and worried for sure, and the mentor was the only person who could find the student. The mentor encouraged the mentee to go back home to a safe place. However, after the mentee went back home, she was too afraid of her father that she locked herself in the bathroom and cried bitterly. She called her mentor for help, which was her way out. It was with grueling efforts that the mentor convinced the father to let both of them have some room to catch some breath and calm down. After the incident, the mentor continued to show her kindness and spent time with the mentee selflessly. She took care of the needs of the mentee and her family as well as consolidated her life in church community. The girl got away from the gang members gradually while the child-parent relationship was improved, and her life got back on the right track.



A mentor from the Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service (CDF operator)



Youth Upward Mobility Mentorship Program (YUM)

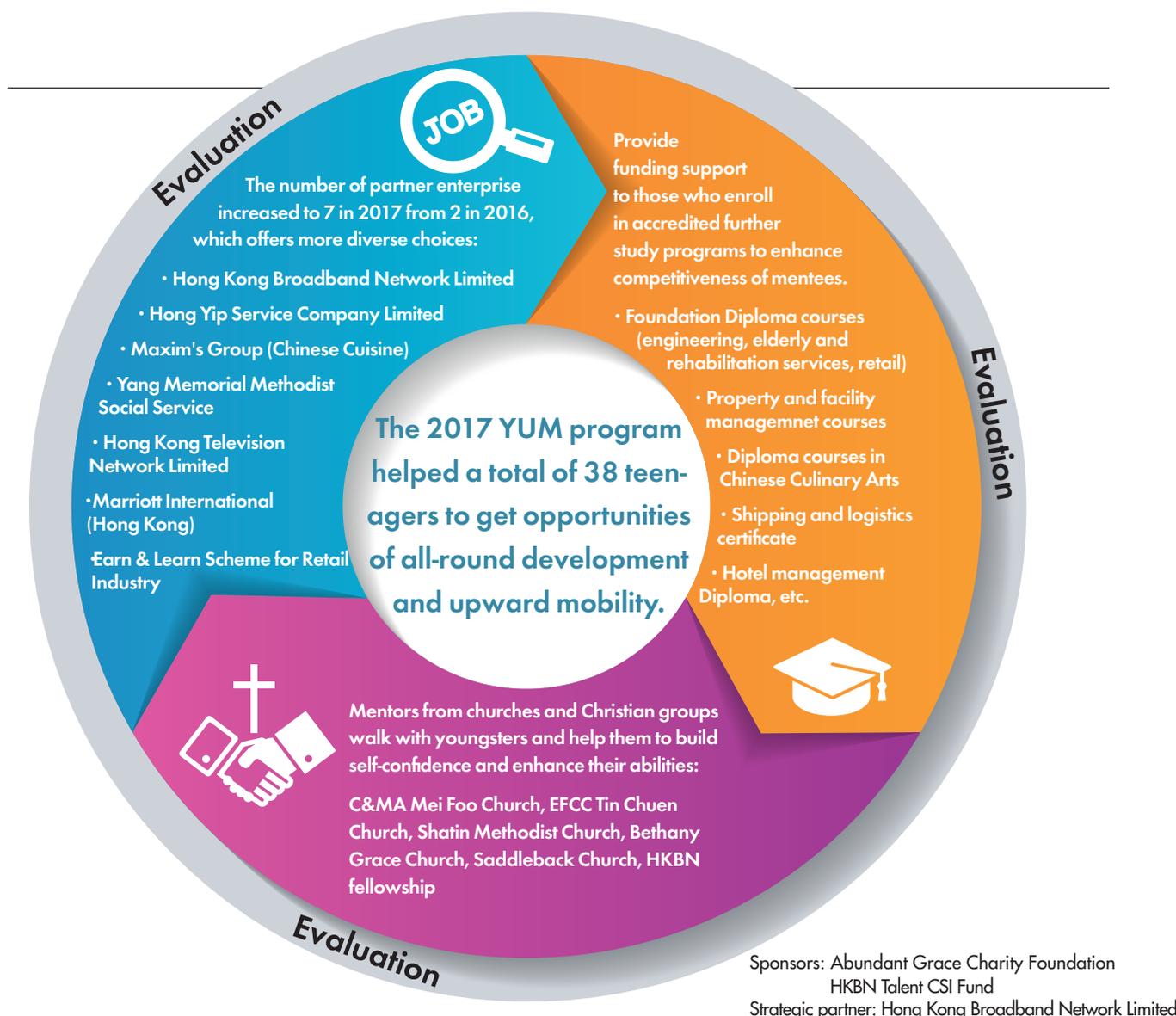
For teenagers who are finding a way out and aged 18-22



Four major objectives of the program:

1. Provide the youth who did not obtain satisfactory results in HKDSE with full-time employments with promotion prospects and chances of upward mobility
 2. Fulfill the needs of various sectors in human resources
 3. Equip the youth to join the workforce through the mentorship program and thus help them develop positive lives.
 4. Facilitate the collaboration between the government, civil institutions, schools and the business sector in promoting socio-economic development mode and refining the existing youth policy.
- 7 partner enterprises took part in 2017 YUM program (2nd year of the Program) and offered more diverse choices, which helped 38 grassroots teenagers aged 18-22 to get the opportunities of study and all-round development.
 - 40 school talks were held in secondary schools, 2000 teachers and students were reached. YUM information booths were set up in more than 40 secondary schools across the territory on the result release day of HKDSE to encourage students in need to join the program.
 - Over 100 quotas for more mentees to join 2018 YUM program and be blessed.

Latest news of YUM: http://www.hkcnp.org.hk/core_services/mentorship/yum/



Stories of finding the right direction in the journey of life

Before joining the company, I was a Secondary Six graduate who was so bewildered after the result of the public exam was released. Just like many graduates, I felt distressed and helpless as I did not know what to do in the future. I was so lucky to be admitted to YUM Program at that moment. I was attracted by the features of the program, which allowed me to study, to practice while earning money. The job itself is also very attractive since being a tour guide allows me to visit many different places and broaden my horizon.

.....as the program is coming to an end, I would like to express my gratitude to the company and my colleagues for the nurturing and teaching. After more than one year of study, I have grown up rapidly and gradually integrated with the society.

A sharing from a YUM mentee



My plan for the future was disrupted because of my exam result in English that some of the diploma programs I intended to apply for turned me down. While I was feeling perplexed, I saw a booth of YUM in our school and I was very interested in one of the program that co-organized by EGL Tours, so I applied for the program immediately. Even now, I still think that it was one of the turning point in my life. During the 18-month program, I met a group of close allies who chose the same program as me and my colleagues who were as much my friends as teachers. Having no working experience, I needed more time to learn than the others at the time the program started. Fortunately, my supervisors and colleagues taught me patiently so I could overcome the difficulties gradually and I have now become a staff member who can handle the sales work of branches. In the year I worked in the branch, I have encountered various kinds of customers. Some of them were kind while the others were picky. The experience greatly enhanced my communication skills and this is definitely an important chapter in my life.

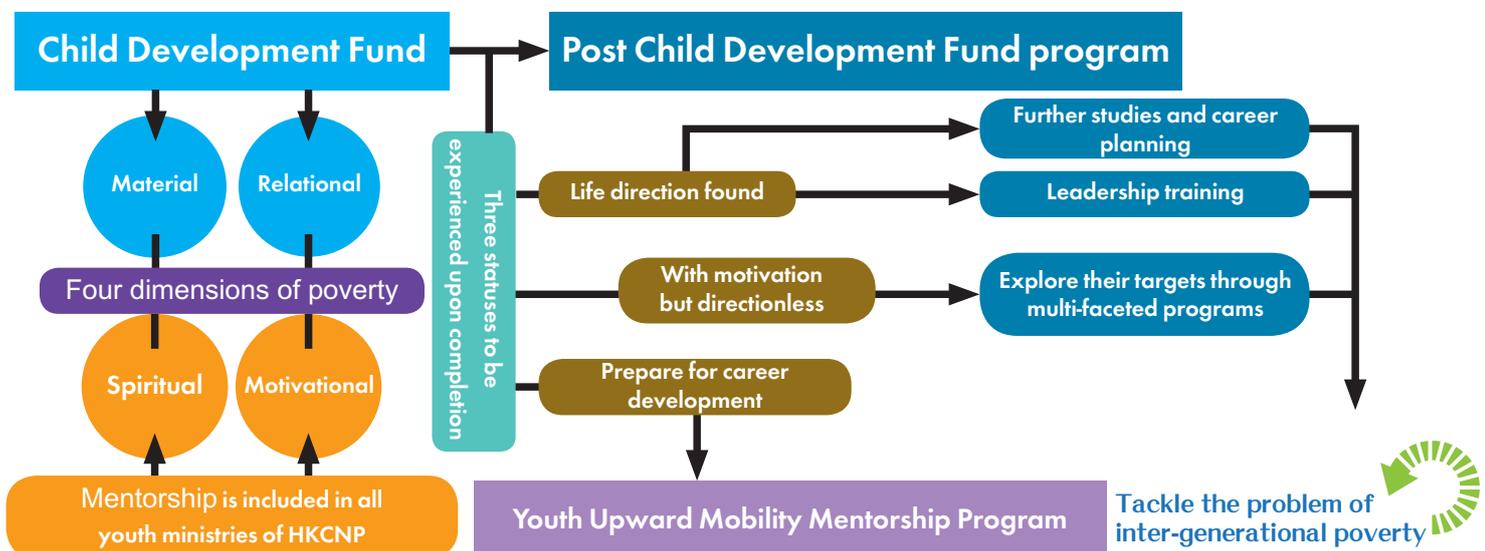
A sharing from a YUM mentee



Post Child Development Fund Program (Post CDF)

For teenagers who finished CDF and aged 12-18

After the CDF program, HKCNP hopes to extend the life nurturing campaign until the teenagers graduate from secondary schools and get into tertiary institutions or enter the job market to realize their potential. By assisting them in career planning and guiding their growth, the youth can attain better achievements, be inclusive and helpful to each other so as to enhance their upward mobility and truly lift themselves out of "inter-generational poverty."





Love in Action

Love in Action

"Love in Action" aims at fulfilling the basic needs of poor people, which serves as the cornerstone of "poverty alleviation, poverty eradication and poverty prevention". By empowering them, the whole community can be transformed at last. All sectors are welcomed to join "Love in Action" that everyone can make their own contributions to bless the grassroots in need and give them warmth. By facilitating community cohesion, the needy can get support constantly and tackle the problem of inter-generational poverty in the long term.



Latest news and resources of "Love in Action": <http://www.hkcnp.org.hk/news/>

Sharing

Contacted food provider to help the churches set up canteens and food bank to serve Christians



Through the "Happy Canteen", I was able to reach out to non-believing grassroots women and their families. It was also a platform for us, who were mostly from grassroots families, to learn how to serve as volunteers. In the canteen, everyone was assigned to a different post. At first, we all said that we did not know how to do it. But when we really got started, we all knew how to do it and the more we served, the better we did.

A volunteer from the Church of Livingstones Shek Lei



HKCNP participated in the "Rice Meal Packing Day" organized by "Rise Against Hunger" and packed rice for 50000 meals for the needy. The function was sponsored by a computer network company. On that morning, employees from the company and 21 HKCNP Ambassadors completed the mission of rice packing and the rice packed were taken by 16 partner churches for community services, including short-term food assistance project by "Love Food Bank", free church canteen serving cooked meals, regular community visits and Christmas community services.

Throughout the event, I was most impressed by the enthusiasm of the collaborating institute, which not only provided resources like the venue and assets, but also many zealous colleagues who took part in the event. I was indeed honored to work with them! Every time when I finished packing a pack of rice, I could feel the pleasure and warmth of those who would receive the rice, and this gave me a great sense of happiness. This is the reason why I enjoyed to be a volunteer.



Almond, volunteer

Sharing



Broaden the horizon of children and encourage them not to be restricted by physical constraints

Rainbow Foundation organized the "5 Loaves & 2 Fish Heartening Initiative Campaign", which provided grassroots families with a chance to visit the Noah's Ark. One of the beneficiary organizations was the social service institute established by Christian & Missionary Alliance Grace Chapel, which also joined the tour. Places of worship and venues for wedding banquets were provided by the park, benefitting over 120 participants! Most of the participants were new arrivals or from low-income families that they were less likely to go on a trip with their children. Our Christian brothers and sisters took up the roles of volunteer group leaders and played with their group mates like warm families. We had a great lunch in a comfortable dining hall today. At last, by singing Gospel songs and sharing messages, the non-believing participants were able to feel how it is like during worship in church. I believe that it was a great experience for them. We hope that we can cooperate again in the future to deliver love and care to the needy!

C. & M. A. Grace Chapel Pasture Family Service Centre



Collaborate to fulfill material and spiritual needs of the grassroots

Half a year ago, our volunteers visited an old lady who lived in poor environment that she did not have the necessities of daily life nor light in the washroom, and the locks on the main door and the metal gate of her house were all damaged. The church learnt about her situation but it could do nothing about it as it did not have the resources.

Later, through HKCNP, volunteers of the church learnt about "Build & Wish Voluntary Team". Through the used item collection and repair scheme organized by them and "Footprint Voluntary Team", used items available in the community were redistributed the needy like the old lady and improved their living environment. After completing the maintenance work, the volunteers of the church took over to handle the case of the old lady to provide her with spiritual care.

Gary from Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Whampoa Church



Sharing



Co-organized Peace Box Campaign to deliver love to the disadvantaged

We were thankful to receive the PEACE BOX provided by HKCNP in Easter this year. Though they were just little boxes of gift, they let the marginalized feel loved and cared. From the bright smiles of contentment they had on their faces, we knew that it was not about how valuable the things inside were but the meaning behind— love and care. These did not just show the care for grassroots families, but also support for churches, which enabled us to continue our community caring service and connect those in need!

Hong Kong Christian Shuen Tao Church



Organization

*In no particular order

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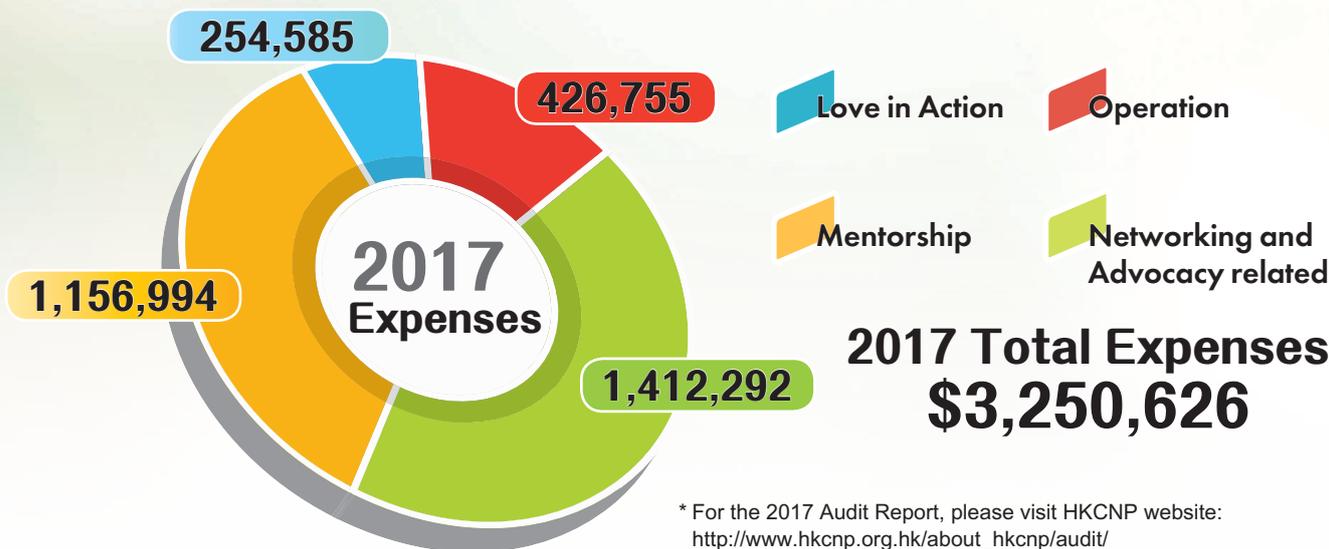
Church

上環浸信會	香港九龍塘基督教中華宣道會鞍盛堂	基督教恩臨堂
中國基督教播道會天泉堂	香港伯特利教會恩光堂	基督教會純恩堂
中國基督教播道會厚恩堂	香港浸信教會	循道衛理聯合教會
中國基督教播道會恩福堂	香港浸信教會好鄰舍福音堂	循道衛理聯合教會北角堂
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中華基督教會香港區會	基督教九龍五旬節會	循道衛理聯合教會禧恩堂
尖沙嘴浸信會	基督教中國佈道會九龍迦南堂	循道衛理聯合教會九龍堂
西環靈糧堂	基督教中國佈道會大埔迦南堂恩典小組	循道衛理聯合教會天水圍堂
沙田浸信會	基督教中國佈道會尖沙咀迦南堂(兒少級主日學)	港島敬拜會
旺角浸信會	基督教中國佈道會感恩堂	葵涌新生命堂
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宣道會希伯崙堂以斯帖團	基督教以便以謝堂	Hong Kong Korean Church
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Individual

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Please visit our website, Facebook and Instagram, To know more about HKCNP ministries, recent updates and Hong Kong poverty situation 

Become our partner

We sincerely invite churches, institutes, schools or enterprises to join us as a partner to transform communities together by:

- Recognizing the mission and work of HKCNP and motivating your team to participate in poverty caring ministry
- Actively participating in the education and advocacy of poverty alleviation so as to foster social justice and influence social policy
- Recognizing and supporting the work of HKCNP in community transformation in your church / organization publication and media
- Praying for the ministries of HKCNP. May God use our partners to serve the community in unity.

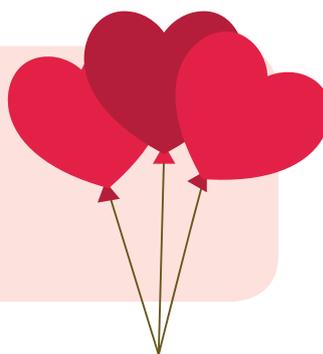
Register as our partner: <http://goo.gl/xqbEOy>



Become our ambassador

Register as HKCNP Ambassador if you have the will to voice out for the poor by promoting the anti-poverty movement of HKCNP in your church or organization, and assisting us in events.

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Through prayer and donation, support us to enhance our ministries in terms of service depth and format continuously, and strengthen our cooperation with partner churches, institutes, the business sector, schools and individuals so as to enable the love and mercy of the Lord to be delivered to more people in need through our caring activities while the disadvantaged can have sufficient physical and spiritual support.

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(Matthew 25:40)

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