

Hong Kong Church Network for the Poor (HKCNP)

2025 Ministry Thanksgiving Summary Report

HKCNP was founded by Hong Kong Chinese Churches Union, Jong Kong Christian Council, Hong Kong Church Renewal Movement and a number of Christian NGOs, churches and Christians who are serving the poor in the community. HKCNP builds a Kingdom community transformational network through serving the poor. We focus on identifying service gaps with our partner churches and develop pilot programs to respond to needs. HKCNP provides knowledge-based, cared, and trustworthy services that focus on capacity building, empowerment, and mentorship. We gather community network resources to help and empower frontline partners to expand their service to reach more underprivileged groups, mobilize churches to care for the poor and fulfill God's Kingdom mission more effectively in the community.

We give thanks that God has used HKCNP as a community network platform, partnering with 1,100+ partners to care for people in poverty, walk together through networks and transform all 18 districts in Hong Kong. Below is a sharing of our Kingdom-based community transformation outcomes in 2025:

1. Deepening District Networks

Objective: To actively participate in experiential learning and practice in districts, exploring new pathways together in the community. We are committed to identifying service gaps with partner churches and developing pilot programs transforming lives and community, living out the gospel in community.

1.1 Shui Chuen O Network

We have been connecting partners and developing community services in Shui Chuen O for over ten years. We have built a systematic model of mutual support among residents and worked closely with churches. This strengthened residents and partners to embrace Kingdom-based community transformation values, leading to renewed minds and transformed lives. We hope to consolidate Shui Chuen O experience into a **replicable transformation model for new public housing estates** and multiply to other districts.

Through district prayer walks and retreats, we deepened relationships among 20 partner units. We organized volunteer trainings and volunteer team-leader trainings, empowering volunteers to become benefactors. This year, 18 volunteer team leaders have been trained, leading 115 volunteers. Over the past ten months, they conducted 735 visits and reached 5,117 neighbors in the community.

1.2 North District Network

1.2.1 North District Network Development and Outcomes

We continued to build a cross-sector collaboration network in the North District, connecting corporates, churches, schools and organisations to respond to the community transformation opportunities. Choi Shek Estate in Sheng Shui (move in from Q4 2025 to 2029), Fung Wong Leng Estate in Fanling (move in from 2026 to 2028) and Kwu Chun Estate in Kwu Tung (move in from 2026 to 2028) will welcome approximately 500,000 new residents, our potential service recipients. In response to great needs, 3 churches are planting new congregations in the North District and brought in relevant resources to support emerging needs.

On 18 June, we partnered with churches and schools to hold “Northern Metropolis Core Group” meeting. On 28 June, “HKCNP 'Voice of the North' Vision Trip for Workplace” was held and 60 participants from different sectors gained an in-depth understanding of Northern Metropolis planning and community needs, inspiring new thinking on mission and ministry. On 8 November, we connected 18 potential donors to visit the Tin Kwong Po squatter village in Sheung Shui, joining church ministry and learning about the needs of the residents. On 12 November, we connected over 30 chief executives and representatives from NGOs to participate in the “Northern Metropolis Strategic Partners Meeting”, sharing programs being implemented in the North District and exploring collaboration opportunities. On 26 November, over 30 North District church leaders, marketplace believers, government representatives and friends of HKCNP joined “North District Thanksgiving Luncheon and Networking” sharing God’s grace in North District.

1.2.2 Tin Ping Estate Ministry

With a population of about 15,000, mainly elderly residents, HKCNP promoted resource sharing among churches within the estate so that services can be effectively delivered. This year, we successfully facilitated 4 partner churches to organize inter-church “Praise Dance” program, reaching 147 elderly people. 6 elderly decided to become volunteers and serve community; 14 expressed willingness to continue receiving visits to build relationships; and 4 people made a decision to follow Christ. This reflects spiritual and relational transformation, and we hope to consolidate Tin Ping Estate experience into a **replicable service model for older public housing estates** and multiply to other districts.

1.2.3 Pilot Program: North District Learning Support Core Group

We mobilised churches to support North District students and cross-boundary students. 60 pastors attended the 18 June church-school partnership workshop, and participated in the “North District Church-School Learning Support Workshops” on 12 and 19 July. This led to the establishment of “North District Learning Support Core Group”, encouraging churches to engage in campus evangelism ministry.

With support from Hong Kong Chinese Christian Churches Union, we have a chance in 2025-26 school year entering North District schools to have a one-year outreach initiative, serving students and grassroots families. In addition, churches are running homework support classes, learning support programmes and English classes in local schools, strengthening church-school collaboration, supporting students' holistic needs, and **establishing a church-school collaboration model for transformation** that can be multiplied to other districts.

1.3 Yau Tsim Mong Network

Churches in the network have served the community for years. This year, HKCNP further strengthened partnerships through knowledge sharing, care and network resources. We mobilised 4 churches across denominations to collaborate and pilot the “HKCNP Interchurch Alpha Pilot Scheme for Underprivileged”, using the Alpha Course to share faith with 90 grassroots. We also empowered nearly 60 volunteers, enabling the 4 churches to care for the poor more effectively and to demonstrate “Kingdom in Yau Ma Tei”.

In addition, HKCNP's Workplace Fellowship Network Advisor, Dr. Albert Siu, partnered with the “Agape Healthcare” volunteer team. Starting in April, they delivered an eight-session “Agape Healthcare x HKCNP: Holistic Care Ambassador Training Course” in the district, empowering volunteers to care for grassroots communities from a holistic perspective and to participate in community transformation. We hope to

consolidate the Yau Tsim Mong experience into **replicable service models for diverse ethnic minority communities**, that can be multiplied to other districts.

2. Key Programs: mobilize community network resources to help and empower frontline partner churches to expand services, reach and care for more underprivileged more effectively, so that churches can live out God's Kingdom mission in the community.

2.1 Love in Action – PeaceBox Campaign

Objective: To strengthen cross-sector collaboration by connecting churches, schools, corporates and organizations to serve grassroots communities together.

Through the Love in Action platform, we mobilised 80 churches, 88 schools and 8 businesses to collect, pack and distribute gift boxes around Easter, delivering PeaceBoxes into the community. In 2025, we blessed more than 12,500 people, and through churches, recipients were transformed into helpers who serve others in turn.

2.2 Love in Action – Community Care Volunteer Mentorship Program (CCV)

This programme supports churches with a Kingdom-based community transformation model in responding to the financial and emotional pressures faced by grassroots families. It promotes life empowerment and strengthens pastoral care, encouraging “beneficiary becomes benefactors”. This year, 196 grassroots participants experienced life transformation and became volunteers who serve others.

Across Batch 8 and 9 in 2025, the program blessed 43 churches, with total expenditures of approximately HK\$810,200. About 90% of volunteers came from grassroots backgrounds. Their service included home visits, administrative support and community activities, helping participants build confidence, relationships and faith growth. Some participants returned to the workforce or joined long-term ministry as a result. The programme also effectively relieved manpower pressure in churches, promoted inter-church collaboration, and established an innovative empowerment-based service model, demonstrating dual transformation of lives and community.

2.3 YUM Youth Community Organizer Mentorship Program

This program explores a new model of social ministry that creates a win-win pathway for both churches and youth. HKCNP matches churches with grassroots youth: youth assist churches in advancing community service, while churches disciple and accompany youth to plan their lives. Churches reported that the programme became an important boost to grassroots service, and youth reported clear gains in self-awareness, communication and skill development.

In 2025, the programme provided 24 Youth Community Officer positions with a budget of HK\$399,600. 14 churches have engaged 22 youth participants. They primarily supported group program, resource distribution, family visits, interviews and group activities, serving children, youth, elderly people and grassroots families. It effectively enhanced participants' practical experience and interpersonal communication. Participants also demonstrated significant growth and transformation including self-awareness, relationships, skill development, career planning, personal growth, mentoring companionship

with pastors and spiritual growth. These outcomes show that the program can walk with grassroots youth, helping them build identity, community networks and a sense of purpose and meaning in life.

2.4 Child Development Fund (CDF)

HKCNP continues to care about the life development of grassroots students. Through pilot CDF program, we promote and support churches, schools and Christian organisations to serve grassroots children, helping them pursue intergenerational poverty alleviation and life transformation. In November 2024, the Government launched the 10th District-based and 10th School-based CDF programmes. HKCNP being a strategic partner of CDF, together with our partners blessed 955 grassroots students, with expenditures of HK\$657,000.

2.5 District Transformative Christmas Outreach

Over the years, with support from the “Christmas Network Carni” funding of the Hong Kong Chinese Christian Churches Union, HKCNP has partnered across districts to hold Christmas outreach activities. This year, Christmas caroling and outreach events were held in Shek Mun (Sha Tin), Shui Chuen O (Sha Tin), Queen's Hill (Fanling), Tin Ping Estate (Sheung Shui), the Fanling (Cheung Wah Estate) and Yau Tsim Mong. A total of 26 partner units participated, with an estimated reach of around 3,700 people, providing a platform for churches to connect with residents for long-term community ministry.

3. Walking with Pastors, Deepening Relationships, Transforming City into a Community of Unity

Objective: Bringing pastors together for fellowship and mutual encouragement, and seeking Lord's heart for the community

3.1 HKCNP Pastor and Leader Breakfast and Prayer Meeting

In response to the encouragement of Dr. Annie Pan at the 2024 HKCNP Pastors and Leaders Retreat Day, calling pastors to journey with one another in new ways through listening, sharing, intercession, encouragement and thanksgiving, HKCNP hosted the Pastor and Leader Breakfast and Prayer Meeting on 6 March 2025. We give thanks that 34 pastors attended and shared together, and discussed how to strengthen community connection, providing clearer vision and equipping, and building sustainable service models bringing long-term impact on communities.

3.2 HKCNP Pastor Network Advisors Meeting and Dinner

On 4 September, 14 HKCNP Pastor Network Advisors gathered to discuss how we can better support churches in community service. Through sharing struggles and hopes, we continue to walk together as partners on the Kingdom pathway of networking for community transformation.

3.3 HKCNP Pastors and Leaders Retreat Day

HKCNP has hosted the Retreat for 4 consecutive years. On 22 October, we continued to hold a retreat day under the theme “A Life of Abundant Joy”. More than 110 pastors and leaders participated, supporting and journeying with one another.

3.4 HKCNP Partner Churches Community Transformation Survey

To better understand the current situation and challenges of partner churches in community service, HKCNP conducted a survey in the third quarter of 2025, providing evidence for future support strategies, training and resource integration. Around 650 partner churches were invited; 215 churches responded. Subsequently, 15 pastors, advisors and partner church coworkers were invited to participate in focus groups, covering different church sizes, all 18 districts and different stages of community service development. Survey findings were released at the 4 September "HKCNP Pastor Network Advisors Meeting", "HKCNP Pastors and Leaders Retreat Day" and HKCNP website.

3.5 Oneness Conference and the Oneness Companion Network

This initiative aims to promote inter-church collaboration by matching churches with similar visions, resources and needs, enabling concrete ministry collaboration. Matching focuses on:(1) Resource sharing which churches to enhance service effectiveness;(2) Serving together, connecting churches that share similar vision to collaborate in the same district and provide comprehensive services for grassroots;(3) Connecting pastors and leaders, facilitating deeper exchange, experience sharing and long-term planning.

This year, 14 co-organising churches and 17 participating churches were involved, and we successfully facilitated 17 church pairings. We give thanks that many churches established long-term partnerships through these pairings, with significant growth in service coverage and impact.

3.6 1017 Citywide Care for the Poor Campaign

For the 13th consecutive year, we responded to the United Nations' International Day for the Eradication of Poverty by inviting churches, businesses, schools, social service organisations and the public to initiate activities that respond to the needs of people in poverty. We also collected diverse testimonies and stories of community service and shared them on the community platform, encouraging broader participation in the 1017 campaign. We give thanks for many inspired, creative and thoughtful responses, including a charity pickleball tournament, "skip one meal to donate for people in poverty", and community charity art classes. Some participating units also decided to begin ongoing service for people in poverty and join the Kingdom-based community transformation movement.

4. Advocacy Work

This year, HKCNP published 16 community transformation articles in Christian Times, Christian Weekly, Ming Pao's "Talking About the Way" column and Herald Monthly. We also maintained consistent social media engagement on Facebook and Instagram, sharing averagely 4 posts per week to encourage churches and society to care about people in poverty, raise awareness of mutual help and care, and mobilise broader participation in HKCNP's Kingdom-based community transformation movement.

Thank you for your continued support to HKCNP. Together with pastors across all 18 districts, we will continue to identify service gaps, partner with churches to advance pilot program, and provide timely, high-impact service. Together we build communities of well-being and witness God's power to transform communities.