

Pastor's Corner

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As a pastor my main responsibility is to minister to brothers and sisters. So while I am in charge of the church administration, I see it as a ministry rather than merely office business. My role is to support, comfort, give guidance, and minister to the office staff.

I thank God for giving us two full-time and one part-time staff and a part-time Small Group Ministry Coordinator serving in the office. They are all gifted and dedicated. And you know what? They stick to the Hong Kong custom – they work fast. I can see that all of them (including our janitor Mr. Yeung) work with a servant heart. They are willing to do extra work and willing to walk extra miles to help brothers and sisters while making sure any arrangements are fair to everyone. When God sends us good and dedicated co-workers like these, I understand how much God loves our church.

They do have lots of tasks to take care of and they need to get things done: such as Sunday bulletins, facility arrangements, office miscellaneous tasks, equipment arrangement, service arrangements, library, church website uploading, etc. In the midst of the heavy workload, they do it with joyful hearts. I pray with them periodically and have fellowship time with them occasionally. I thank God for this team. He calls people to serve Him in different areas and these brothers and sisters are called to do the administrative work in the church.

Ephesians 4:11-13 tells us that God gave people with different gifts to the church and His will is to “prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” My role is not just to make sure all church administrative tasks are handled smoothly, but rather, more importantly, my role is to enable these dedicated brothers and sisters of this administration team to use their God-given talents to serve faithfully and become the person that God intended them to be in Christ.

Please remember these brothers and sisters in your prayers as they are here to love you and serve you through serving in the administration office.

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作為一個牧者，神呼召我是要我去牧養弟兄姊妹。所以，縱然我其中的一個職責是教會行政管理，這個責任對我來說不單單是業務，而是服事。除了給教會行政同工工作上的指引外，我看重的是要給他們支持、鼓勵和牧養。

感謝神給我們兩位全時間和一位部分時間辦公室同工，還有一位小組事工統籌和總務楊先生。他們都很有才能，很忠心地服事教會，又都富有香港人的特色：工作效率很高！我看見他們都帶著僕人的心在這裡服事。他們願意做額外的事情，也不介意多付出，在公平和有原則的情況下來幫助弟兄姊妹。神把這麼好的同工賜給我們，讓我明白神是多麼地愛我們教會。

教會辦公室有很多事情要處理，例如主日的週刊、設施的安排、圖書館整理、和各樣的文書和辦公室事項等等。在繁重瑣碎的工作中，他們仍然懷著喜樂的心服事。我會跟他們定期禱告，也跟他們有團契的時間，漸漸地對他們也有了更多的認識。神呼召祂的子民在不同的事工上服侍教會，而這些同工是神所呼召在教會的行政工作上服事祂的一群。我為這個團隊感謝神！

以弗所書四章十一到十三節告訴我們，神賜予祂的子民各樣的恩賜，祂的心意是要「成全聖徒，各盡其職，建立基督的身體，直等到我們眾人在真道上同歸於一，認識神的兒子，得以長大成人，滿有基督長成的身量」。所以，我的角色不只是一要讓教會的各樣行政工作可以順利進行，更重要的是幫助行政同工們更有效地使用神所賜予的恩賜服侍教會，亦幫助他們能夠成為神所要他們在基督耶穌裡所成為的。

我們的這些行政同工在教會服事弟兄姊妹是因著愛神，亦因著愛弟兄姊妹。請大家在禱告中紀念他們。