



# CWM delegation visits educational institutes and churches in Hong Kong

Council for World Mission (CWM) Moderator Rev. Lydia Neshangwe represented a CWM delegation to bring greetings to the congregation of Tin King Church on 4 June 2023.. Rev. Emily Y.P. Lai, Minister-in-Charge, preached on "Two Kinds of Wisdom"(James 3:13-18) during the service, explaining how the church had been caring for needy neighbours in the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Affirming the church's efforts, Rev. Neshangwe said, "CWM is trying to bring life-flourishing communities that bring life rather than death, sadness, war, and conflict. We have witnessed your efforts in achieving this goal."

The CWM delegation had also included Mr. Siliga Atiake Kofe, Treasurer; Rev. Dr Jooseop Keum, General Secretary; Rev. Julie Sim, Mission Secretary – Mission Programme & Partnership; and Rev. Dr Young-cheol Cheon, Mission Secretary – Communications.

After the service, the CWM delegation visited Mong Wong Far Yok Memorial (M.W.F.Y.M.) Primary School, where its facilities are used by the church. The school has been sponsored by the Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China (HKCCCC), a CWM member church in the East Asia Region since 1989.

They also attended the launch of an Exhibition on 'Unmasking Smile' at the Atrium, Tuen Mun Town Plaza. It brings together a collection of innocent yet inspirational







artworks created by students of schools sponsored by the HKCCCC during the pandemic.

The next day, the CWM delegation visited several schools in Hong Kong founded by the London Missionary Society (LMS), including Ying Wa Girls' School and Ying Wa College. Ying Wa Girls' School was founded in February 1900 with a two-storey building and a boarding school to provide quality Christian education for girls.

Today, there are 800 students studying at the school and former students are taking their places as responsible citizens and in positions of leadership, according to Mr. Francis Kwan, Principal of Ying Wa Girls' School.

The CWM delegation also visited Ying Wa College, which was founded by Dr Robert Morrison of LMS in 1818 to spread the Gospel and propagate both English and Chinese cultures. The name of both schools: 'Ying' (Anglo) and 'Wa' (Chinese) originated from the Anglo-Chinese School in Malacca. The college then moved to Hong Kong in 1843.

Mr. Dion Chen, Principal of Ying Wa College, said, "We all hold the best of Ying Wa's traditions and vision, we aim to build a humble and caring community, are dedicated to nurturing all round, capable young gentlemen with academic excellence based on strong Christian faith and values."

The CWM delegation also visited Divinity School of Chung Chi College (DSCCC) of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. DSCCC embodies the tradition of ecumenical cooperation and higher education among mainline Protestant denominations in Hong Kong, including the HKCCCC, the Tsung Tsin Mission founded by the

Basel Mission, the Methodist Church in Hong Kong, and Pentecostal Holiness Church.

The Chung Chi College was founded in 1957 by representatives of Protestant denominations, continuing the legacy of thirteen Christian universities and colleges in pre-1949 China. In 1963, the College became one of the three founding colleges of The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

"The Chung Chi College is the only theological school in Hong Kong that is jointly run by denominations of different theological traditions, and also the only divinity school in a public university among Chinese Society," said Prof. Francis Ching-Wah Yip, the Director of DSCCC.

In reflecting on this "fruitful and successful" solidarity visit, CWM General Secretary Rev. Dr Jooseop Keum said that they were moved by the hope showed by the Hong Kong church in engaging in mission in the community with the people.

"We saw signs of hope and life, with many in the church being very active and dynamic in engaging with the local community," he expressed.

After visiting Chung Chi College of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, the delegation was welcomed at a dinner hosted by the HKCCCC.

