

百多年來，宣道會總會、區會和堂會，都以行動來持守始創時的宣教精神。我們的確有一個浪不虛名的口號：「基督為中心、聖靈為能力、宣教為焦點」！感謝神，滿地可華人宣道是由宣道會在越南宣教了 18 年的簡國慶宣教士夫婦來建立和牧養，所以我們一開始便有很濃厚的宣教意識。遠在 1976 年，當本堂還未完全經濟自立和有堂址之前，我們便開辦第一屆宣教年會、參與宣教認獻、和實際支持普世宣教工作。

40 年的宣教參與是一個屬靈的學習和操練，教會上下一心，同心學習先求神的國和神的義，全心仰望神必會加添我們堂內的各樣需要和發展。這 40 年來，即使我們兩度建堂、又不斷加添許多建設、事工和同工，教牧長執亦盡量持定宣教預算要維持在總預算的 1/4 至 1/3 之間。感謝神，我們不但一無所缺，神更厚厚賜福我們，使我們「凡事常常充足，能多行各樣善事」！

40 年的宣教參與實在是與神、與傳道人、與遠處和近處的信徒一同參與普世的宣教、一同享受「福音的團契」，我們一同見證興旺福音的果效。感謝神，我們一同流淚撒種，有時更能一同收割壘壘的果實。在本市、在鄰近、在美國、在歐洲、甚至在南美和澳洲，我們建立堂會。我們支持培育數十位從我們中間蒙召事主的信徒。我們策劃和參與國內和國外的短宣體驗隊，讓許多弟兄姊妹親嚐宣教工作的滋味。當然我們沒有遺忘在本市一些被邊緣化的「未得之民」的福音需要。許多弟兄姊妹參與小城探訪，和參與牧養唐人街一些長者。

我們一同參加今年宣教年會，我們一同感謝神給我們 40 年的宣教參與；我們一同盡後方的責任，禱告關心神讓我們已經開始了的善工；我們被這群雲彩般的見證人鼓勵，一同燃燒滿宣的宣教芯，讓遠處和近處的宣教事工更加興旺！

「因為從頭一天直到如今，你們是同心合意的興旺福音。我深信那在你們心裡動了善工的，必成全這工，直到耶穌基督的日子。」(腓立比書 1:5-6)

第 40 屆宣教年會
「同燃宣教芯」

趙善基牧師主講
宣教預算 \$110,000

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Ever since the Christian and Misisonary Alliance was born more than a century ago, Missions has always been in the forefront on the national, district and local church levels of our denomination. We have been faithful to our name and our commitment to be a **“Christ-centred, Spirit empowered, Mission-focused movement in everything that we do”**! Praise God, MCAC was born and raised by Rev. and Mrs. Kaan, an 18 year CMA missionary couple to Vietnam. We have this missionary fervor in our blood and in our genes. Early in 1976, even before we were financially independent and before we had our own building, we launched our first annual misisonary conference, participated in missionary pledges, and got our hands “dirty” in global mission!

40 years of missionary involvement means 40 years of spiritual discipline. We practiced what we preached when we “seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness”, while trusting God to add “all these things” to us. Although we had to support 2 building projects, numerous projects and ministries, and many staff, the church leadership insisted to keep the Mission budget to remain at 1/4 to 1/3 of the church’s total budget! At the end, we lack nothing. We even “abound in every good work”!

40 years of missionary involvement also means 40 years of special “fellowship in the gospel”, with God, with coworkers, churches, and brotther and sisters near and far. Although we sometimes sow in tears; often, we are able to harvest in leaps and bounds. By God’s grace, we planted churches in the Montreal, in neighboring cities, in US, in Europe, even in South America and in Australia! We were able to support the seminary training of dozens of people from our midst. Many of them are still in the ministry. We organized and we joined short term mission trips so that more people will know the gospel needs firsthand. We also didn’t forget our marginalized “neighbors” in the inner city and in the remote suburbs!

Join this year’s conference that we may give thanks to God’s grace and provision. Let us faithfully and prayerfully support the work God has started through us. Let’s be inspired by the cloud of witnesses and join them to **“Fan the Flame”**! Let MCAC’s mission fervor rise!!! To God be the glory!!

“Because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, I am being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”
(Philippians 1:5, 6)

40th Missionary Conference
Fan the Flame

Rev. Dominic Ruso
Budget \$110,000

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