

# 循道衛理聯合教會國際禮拜堂



## We are on the move!

From Sunday 6 July MIC is moving location and going back to school! From that Sunday, MIC worship will transfer from 271 Queen's Road East to SKH Tang Shiu Kin Secondary School (TSK) in Oi Kwan Road, Wan Chai. The school, which is not far from our present site, will, later this summer, enable us to bring together to one place all our congregations with the exception of the Shatin Fellowship.



MIC worshipping at SKH Tang Shiu Kin Secondary School, 9 Oi Kwan Road, Wan Chai.

Work is taking place on the school hall this summer and, from 7 September, all our six Sunday worship services on Hong Kong Island will have plenty of room at TSK School. We are very grateful to the School Principal Mr TAI, Tak-ching, Thomas, and the School Governors for their welcome. We are working together with them to ensure that TSK School can be a suitable home for us for three years.

Moving on is a Godly thing. Abram heard God's call and trusted God to walk into the unknown. Moses led the children of Israel from Egypt into God's best for them. We carry the conviction that we are following God's call and pathway, so clearly opened for us in the availability and welcome of the school, as we move to our temporary home. The Psalmist reminds us that 'You're blessed when you stay on course, walking steadily on the road revealed by God. You're blessed when you follow his directions, doing your best to find him' (Psalm 119:1-2, *The Message*).

Journeys often featured in the stories in Jesus parables: the shepherd searching for the lost; the returning son who comes home to his father; the Good Samaritan who cares for the man attacked and left at the side of the road. Pilgrimage was also a theme of the early church as they moved around the cities of the world, taking the gospel with them. It has also been a mark of Methodism from the time of Wesley who covered

hundreds of thousands of miles on horseback and of Methodist Missionaries who moved across the globe to begin gospel communities.

Going to school will be a learning experience. As disciples we are learners and in a continual process of growing, reflecting, sharing and putting into practice what we believe God is saying to the church today.

Bringing all our congregations with their four languages into one set of premises will be preparation for our multi lingual congregations in the new building. It will enable deeper shared fellowship and offer opportunity for expanding our present work.

Standing still is not our style! Instead we are moving on, trusting God for the future. I am grateful to the team of staff and volunteers who are working hard to enable this process to be smooth. The preparatory work for the transfer of our office is huge, and we have been really helped by Tommy Yiu from the Methodist Centre as we join with them at their East Town building. Joining with the Methodist Centre is like a home coming. It was MIC that started and built the Sailors and Soldiers Home in 1927 where the MIC Ministers had their office. The site became the Methodist Centre and now we are joining our office with theirs once again.

Jesus promises a process of transformation for the disciples, being empowered and equipped by the Holy Spirit. We believe this move is the first step in the transformation of MIC and Conference facilities as we prepare to meet the needs of people and community in the 21st century. Pray for us as we step out in faith and hope into a future with many unknowns, but with confidence as we are enabled and equipped by God's Holy Spirit. May we all be blessed as we 'walk steadily on the road revealed by God'.

Grace and Peace

*Howard Mellor*

Senior Pastor



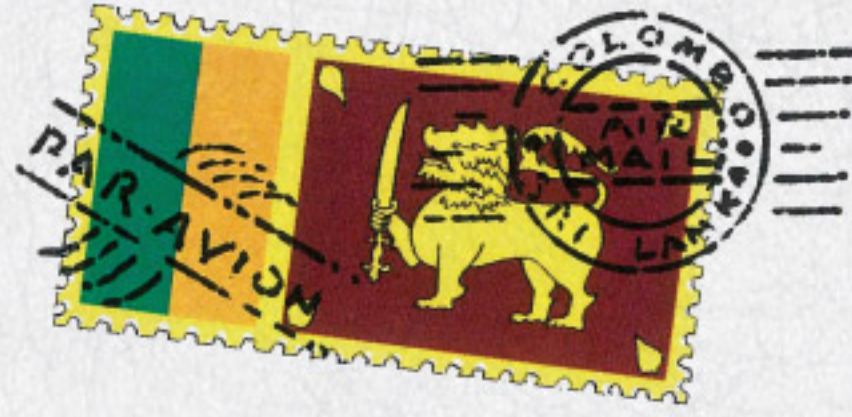
Our New Office : MIC Ministry Centre, Room 801, 8/F East Town Building, 41 Lockhart Road, Wan Chai. Phone numbers, email and web address remain the same



# Meet Margret Vanderslott



**Margret is our wonderful and much loved caretaker...and a lot more besides! She was brought up in a convent in Sri Lanka and moved to Hong Kong in 1970.**



**Q: Margret, how did you come to be at MIC?**

**A:** My husband John Julian, who I married in 1977 in this church, was already a member here. He was a door steward and involved in the life of this church. I moved to the flat upstairs here in 1988 when I started work looking after the building and also with the parents and toddler groups and playgroup.

**Q: Why is MIC so special to you?**

**A:** After my husband died in 1996, the church looked after me so well. My friends Sicy and Bose and many others cared for me and Revd Barry encouraged me to continue working here. Other friends supported my children, Sharon and Roshan through education. I see so much faith, love and unity here.

**Q: You have cared for our building so well, what else do you like to do?**

**A:** I love to do gardening and help at weddings and funerals. Also I care for my friends, the Filipino sisters, and they care for me. Sometimes I support them when they lose their jobs. I like sightseeing and parties!

**Q: I notice you care for Stephen, the homeless man who lives in the church porch.**

**A:** Yes, for the last 15 years he has needed more help. I feed him every day and sometimes give him a bath and a haircut.

**Q: What happens now?**

**A:** I will move to a new home, hopefully in Wan Chai. Whatever God gives me – I will move forward. Thank you, Margret for all your faithful service over so many years. We look forward to your help in our new office and at the school on Sundays.



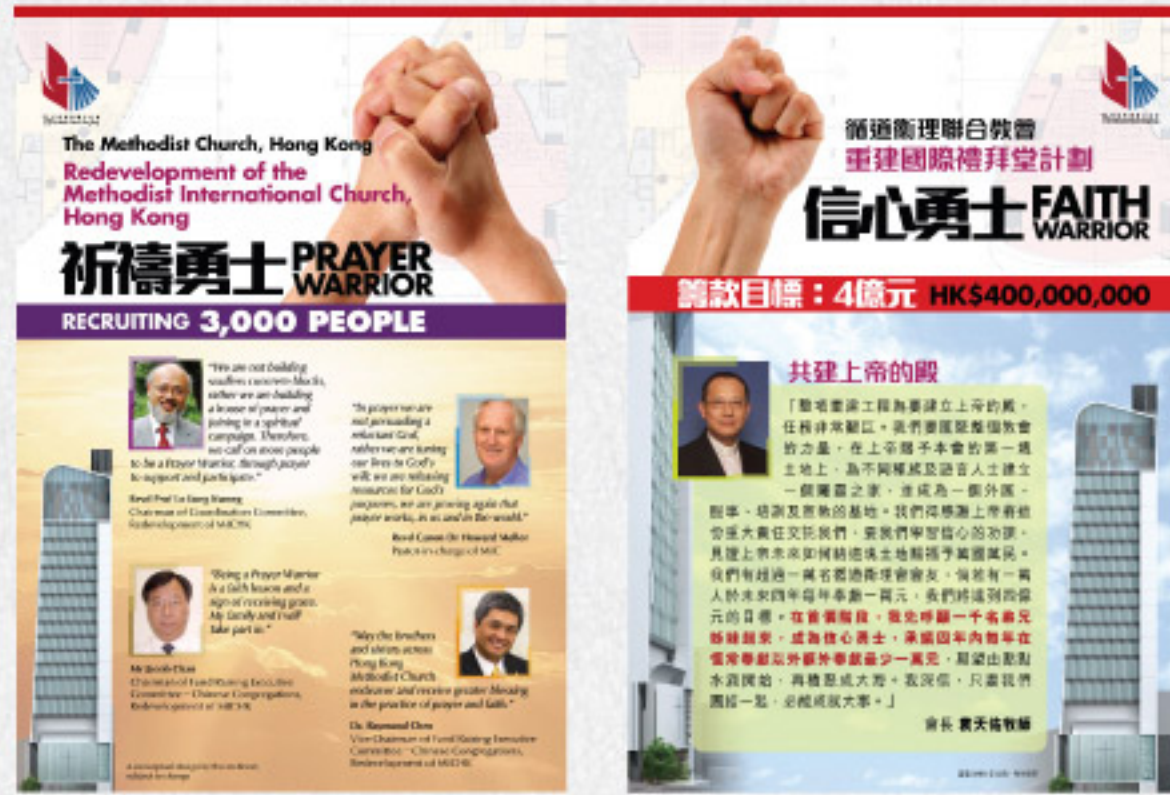
## Timeline of the redevelopment of MIC



**20-21 Feb 2014**  
Ground Investigation Site Works finished

**March 2014**

- Each of the 24 local churches (Chinese congregations) designated a Sunday as MIC Sunday
- Faith Warriors and Prayer Warriors Campaign launched



**10 June 2014**

MIC office joins Methodist Centre colleagues at East Town Building



**1 July 2014**

Farewell Carnival at MIC

**2 July 2014**

Vacant Possession of MIC



**7 Sept 2014**

All Six Sunday Worship Services on Hong Kong Island will take place at the SKH Tang Shiu Kin Secondary School

**8 Feb 2014**

Fourth Design Presentation by the Architect

**27 Feb 2014**

Ground Investigation Site Works finished

**3 Mar 2014**

Fifth Design Presentation by the Architect

**31 Mar 2014**

Tendering for Asbestos, Demolition and Hoarding Contract started



**8 Apr 2014**

Sixth Design Presentation by the Architect

**13 Apr 2014**

Publication of prayer booklet for Prayer Warriors

**21 May 2014**

Seventh Design Presentation by the Architect



**29 June 2014**

Last Sunday Worship Service at MIC



**6 July 2014**

- Children Prayer Warriors Campaign launched
- Worship and Sunday activities at 271 QRE transfer to SKHTang Shiu Kin Secondary School

### Prayer

Gracious God, you lavish your grace on us and prepare for us salvation, abundant life and a creative future. Help us to use our resources well that we may respond to your call committing to your purposes our time, talents and treasure. Grant wisdom and vision to all those involved in this redevelopment; that together we may shape a building to your glory which speaks of a gospel of grace, justice and hospitality. Hear our prayer. Amen.

## Funding and Praying Challenge:

The joint Fund Raising Committee, with reps from every Methodist Church has challenged Methodists to give and to pray. We expect to recruit

- 1000 Faith Warriors who will give at least 10,000 in each of the next four years.**
- 3000 Prayer Warriors who are praying for the project and the mission and ministry of the whole Methodist Church.**

In giving and in prayer we are Building Together for the work of God in Hong Kong. When we pull together so much more can be achieved.



### Offerings can be made by:

**Crossed Cheque** payable to 'Methodist International Church, Hong Kong' and send to 271 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

**Direct Deposit** to 'Methodist International Church, Hong Kong', HSBC HK A/C #048-054605-001. Please forward the bank pay-in slip for our records.

**Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.**

JOHN WESLEY

