

CCF 2012-2013 Elections Nominations

In the pages below you will find the nomination statements for each candidate for the executive committee of UTCCF in the upcoming 2013-2014 year. Please take the time to read what members of the fellowship have to say and pray for each of the candidates.

Blessings,

Elections Team 2012-2013

Name:	Elliott Jun
Position:	Chairperson
Years at CCF:	3
Years as Christian:	4-6
Current Church:	New City Church
Home Church:	Peoples' Church

Carrie Lu

Elliott Jun is one of many thoughts and words, but it is all through God's presence in his life, that he is able to speak in conviction and certainty of His love. Elliott has had his difficulties in the past and in the fellowship. It began with him trying to find his belonging in the fellowship three years ago, to his perseverance through encountering God, I've watched how God broke him and molded him. His walk with God is a true testament of God's love for all of us. Although he is eloquent with his words, he is fully aware that words cannot be empty, and will be seen of weight. Through his passion and understanding of the Word, God's teachings will shine through.

Serving with him this year in investment group, he has brought a deeper understanding of scripture to his group-mates and encouraged greater interest in the process of bible study. Elliott's understanding and insights are with conviction because he seeks and listens to the Holy Spirit within him; being as one. As he runs for next year's chair position, it is necessary that he understands the importance of listening and submitting to God's plans. He demonstrates that by knowing when there is a decision to be made or a conflict to be solved, it has to be confronted in a glorifying manner. Throughout this year, he also has learned when it is appropriate to be supportive in the group, but also when lead.

Hearing Elliott's vision for the fellowship next year, I am very encouraged and believe it is something that will bring greater intimacy with the members in the fellowship, as well as a deeper understanding of the scripture. As he sees this need for the fellowship, his vision is also a need for his personal life, in which he will strive for God's intimacy in his own life and vulnerability in the CCF community. I believe God will show Elliott His grace abundantly. As a sister who has witnessed his transformation in the past three years, I am very excited to see what God will be doing through him as he answers the call to the role of Chairperson in CCF.

Elizabeth Wong

I've come to know Elliott intimately in the past couple of years; we've served, prayed, cried, laughed, and followed Christ together, by His grace. I can attest to Elliott's commitment, care and love for people. He is gifted with vision, teaching, and leadership. I have had the chance to see him grow in the past year, namely, in the way he's come to love, give and be (himself) more freely, in hopes of glorifying our God. I am sure, wherever and whatever position he finds himself in for the coming year, he will be serving our Father with the same devotion and discipline.

Justin Wong

Over the past few years, I have been blessed to see Elliott grow in his journey with God. He continues in his love of the Word and diligent study of scripture, persevering in deep desire to know God. His encouragements to others mirror this simple hope, and it is an immense encouragement in the midst of this world that revolves around merit and stature.

As he serves in CCF, whether it is in the fellowship at large, his investment group, or the Mens' small group, he seeks genuinely to know them and spur their relationships with God. Like each of us, he grapples with grace and healing, especially as he lives through the trials of each year. But he is open to and with his struggles, and this honesty makes him approachable.

His experiences in leadership and facilitation have brought him to be concerned not only with the consistency of our encounters with the Word, but as we dive into it, the question: do we really "get it"? Do we strive to walk closely with Him? I trust that in this burden for richness in our relationships with God that our Lord will continue to walk faithfully him and use it all for His glory.

Name: Agnes Lin
Position: Vice-Chairperson
Years at CCF: 3
Years as Christian: 7-9
Current Church: East Toronto Chinese Baptist Church
Home Church: East Toronto Chinese Baptist Church

Benjamin Li

I believe Agnes Lin will be a viable candidate as vice-chair of UTCCF due her visible passion to give back to this community which has helped her mature as a child of Christ. This is reflected in her drive to serve in the fellowship in her second year as an IG and hospitality leader, as well as taking up the position of large group coordinator in this present year. Witnessing her reaching out to those she serves in UTCCF along with the desire to bring broken people together into a unified body reveals a personal drive to know the people she serves personally beyond the simple hello and goodbye. By taking a personal, vested interest with those she is able to interact with, she helps make UTCCF an open, encouraging environment for all. By doing so, I feel she shows that she places God first and she is then able to love those she calls brothers and sisters in UTCCF, thus, making UTCCF a home not only for others, but is one of the main reasons I am able to call UTCCF a home.

Cecilia Sun

The reason why I choose to nominate Agnes is because I believe she is a strong leader. She's responsible, punctual and spiritual. She is well involved in CCF, being large group coordinator this year on top of her many involvement in the past years. This shows her dedication to CCF and her love to lead and spread the good word. On top, she is also very friendly. My very first memory of her is my first time at CCF, she approached me right away when I entered the doors and introduced herself to me. She welcomed me and made me feel a part of the CCF family. She is supportive, encouraging, and wise. I can always go to her if I need someone to talk to and I can always rely on her to give me advice. A vice-chair should be a person that supports the chair, a person that the chair can rely on and the person that the chair can confide in. But in truth, Agnes is someone that everyone can rely, confide and be supported by. She is open and accessible to everyone. She is not hard to approach nor am I ever intimidated by her. Thus, Agnes will be a great vice-chair for CCF.

Hillary Ma

I cannot fully express in only 250 words how strongly I feel that Agnes is fit for vice-chair. I am blessed to have her as the head of IG as I've seen that she is not only a great leader but also God's humble servant.

First of all it is important for a vice-chair to love CCF. Agnes really dedicates herself to our group. Every week she carefully prepares for the Bible Study which is evident through her understanding of the passages. During discussions she isn't afraid to share her own thoughts or experiences with us. This displays the high value she places on fellowship growth through being transparent. She also commits herself to getting to know us individually. When I first came to CCF she immediately took the initiative to spend time with me and make me feel comfortable. She constantly sets aside time to share and catch up with me despite her busy schedule.

In addition, someone that will be leading our fellowship should love God. I have seen Agnes bear much fruit which provides evidence of the Spirit working in her. God's love consistently shines through her as she is compassionate and impartial. She sees people in need and reaches out to them. She listens to my thoughts and doesn't judge me. She is generous and always pays for me! I honestly feel that a lot of my spiritual growth has resulted because of her guidance. CCF would greatly benefit from having her as vice-chair!

Name: Jak Li
Position: Male Devotional Leader
Years at CCF: 2
Years as Christian: 1-3
Current Church: New City Church
Home Church: New City Church

Yiqun Zhu

I first met Jak in August 2011. The next time I saw him was in September 2012 when I attended CCF large group for the first time. In the “short” amount of time since then, I have gotten to know him as a dear friend, a man of God, but most importantly; an irreplaceable support during my walk with God. We both attend New City Church, and I lost count of the number of times I bombarded Jak with questions and concerns regarding my development in faith as we walked back to campus after Sunday sermons. Whenever he finds a troubled look on my face, he offers up his time to listen, and shares his advice and personal experiences. When he finds me smiling and rejoicing in the beauty of this world and in the presence of God, I notice he will be smiling too. That’s how I know he genuinely cares for my spiritual health and well-being, and I am certain he does for other brothers and sisters too.

I also happen to be a 4th year Engineering Science student just like Jak, and I have witnessed his organizational skills and dedication. It’s not easy to balance tiring school work with involvements in CCF and church functions, but Jak simply handles it like a pro.

His vision as Male Devotional Leader is Gospel centered discipleship because that’s how he has come to know God, and it’s how he lives his life. I give him nothing but my full support.

Cedric Tai

I’ve known Jak since first year, but it was in the last two years where we got to know each other more intimately. He has been a supportive, and encouraging brother to me in my struggles and my joy. He is really good at being in-tuned the internal dynamics of our hearts.

I want to nominate Jak for Male Devotional Leader because I can see his desire to pursuit God and his conviction to fight his inner darkness. I’ve witnessed him persevere through times of

dryness where he struggles to feel the presence of God and cling on the gospel when he is drowning in his feeling of loneliness. I think based on what God has been doing in his life, I'm confident that God will continue to use him to spur our fellow men towards love and good deeds.

I think God is increasing his capacity to love and MDL is potentially the path that He will use. We'll see how God reveals his plans, on March 22. "

Ted Jia

What I see in Jak is his honesty with people, himself, and most importantly, God. Being a member of his investment group during this past year, I have come to realize that God has given him the talents that correspond to those functions of a table's leg. He does not place himself in the centre of the table, yet his presence is always there supporting and encouraging people from under. He is not easily swayed by the changes of this world, and remains consistent to his purpose for the Lord. During our Bible studies, he does not try to create false excitements or false fire, in order to give himself glory. Instead, he calls upon our God's presence for guidance and replenishment.

Through various personal sharings and interactions with him, I was awed to see his maturity and seriousness for God. Hearing about his past struggles and life experiences, I have seen many glimpses of what it is like being a man of God. The honesty in his speech allowed me to be more confident to open up myself to him, and share about my life. It always feels real to have a conversation with him for they were God centred. From his walk with Christ, and spiritual qualities he possesses, he is fit to be the next male devotional leader.

Name: Richard Kwan
Position: Social Coordinator
Years at CCF: 3
Years as Christian: 10-13
Current Church: Mississauga Carmel Mandarin Alliance Church
Home Church: Mississauga Carmel Mandarin Alliance Church

Amy Hu

Having known Richard Kwan for the past two and a half years, I have been able to see him progress in his walk with God, mature in his faith, and witness his love for the brothers and sisters at CCF. As his classmate and sister in Christ, I nominate Richard for Social Coordinator at CCF in the upcoming year.

In school, Richard is frequently the one advocating social gatherings to bring our classmates together. He is very capable of gathering crowds and the smile it brings him reflects that he truly enjoys doing it. I believe that he is capable of using this gift to serve God as Social Coordinator, to organize events that are pleasing to our Lord and events that will bring brothers and sisters at CCF together.

Richard is a brother who is willing to tackle challenges with an open mind and is keen on approaching new faces and building meaningful relationships with them. Being given the chance to serve as Social Coordinator at CCF next year will give Richard the opportunity to do what he enjoys for God and allow him to learn to love and humbly serve his brother and sisters in Christ.

Alex Tseng

Let us rejoice, brothers and sisters, for the good work of God in Richard's life: that, having called him from sin to life by the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has responded in faith and affirms his steps in Christ's completed work. May the Glory be to God alone.

The fellowship ought to know this brother; he has served before in our social gatherings.

Whether in organizing and leading games, to gathering the scattered attention of our flock with his booming voice, Richard is well acquainted with preparation and performance. He inquires of God, and he asks his trusted friends, if what he does is for the service of God. He laughs, and indeed, helps others to do the same. In his struggling and questioning, he has listened for and to the voice of God. The man that the rest of us see is one whose identity is found in Christ.

For the past three years, I have been blessed to have known Richard, walked with him, and supported him. This guy is cheeky, yet remains caring. He has helped me to take my own seriousness in stride, to bring my concerns before the Lord. For the role of Social Coordinator, to which God has called him, I offer my whole-hearted support. And you likewise, UTCCF 2013-2014!

Cedric Tai

I've known Richard for 3 years and it has been a blessing to be a part of his growth in Christ through CCF.

When I think of Richard as Social Coordinator I have one picture in mind. At this year's Engineering Cannonball dinner dance, when the dance music came up, Richard was the first one on the dance floor jumping up and down gesturing with his hands to invite everyone to join. I admire his passion to bring people together. He is not afraid to be bold and put himself out there.

In terms of ""know-hows"", I definitely think Richard has the experience to organize large scale events based on his years of involvement to CCF. The challenge will be in learning to serve and submit to the people he works with, especially committee. Most important, I think God has been expanding Richard's awareness of the Spirit in various ways. In the past two years, it was about listening to Spirit while he is studying and playing volleyball. Now with Social Coordinator, I think it is the next step of growth where he will need to seek God for vision, direction, and resources at every step and follow Him through all the logistics. It's an opportunity to wrestle with questions like how do I plan the program in a way where the vision is achieved? or how do I decide what kind of food to serve in light of the gospel?

With that in mind, I am excited and hopeful for the work that God will do through him and in him. I fully support his candidacy as Social Coordinator.

Name: Arnold Lan

Position: Social Coordinator

Years at CCF: 3

Years as Christian: 4-6

Current Church: Toronto Chinese Methodist Church

Home Church: Toronto Chinese Methodist Church

Aaron Tang

Arnold has a strong passion for people, anyone who knows him can testify. He is undoubtedly one of the most affectionate people I have known. Experiencing his love is breathtaking, sometimes quite literally. He is one of those people you can connect with almost instantly, regardless of who or where you are. He is able to create a comfortable environment for anyone to speak their minds, knowing that it will not consequent any judgment. With his willingness to listen, it is really easy to build genuine relationship with him. There is no questioning about his ability to make CCF a more interactive and enjoyable place for CCF comers. In terms of capability, I believe he is a suitable candidate for Social Coordinator. In addition, his vision of incorporating Spiritual elements into social events does sound like something CCF needs. He envisions social events also being a way of knowing God, rather than merely events to entertain. It will a great blessing if such vision could be implemented.

In another perspective, I pray that he will grow in this process of running, as well as being on committee if God wills. Living with him for nearly two years does help me to learn about his character more closely. He is a flawed man, just like you and me. There is certainly room for improvement, such as commitment, humility and steadfastness in serving God and CCF. I, therefore, invite you to a communal prayer for not just Arnold but also CCF as a fellowship that God will do great work among us.

Nathan Chang

It is my pleasure to nominate Arnold Lan for the position of Social Co-ordinator for the period of 2013-2014. Arnold has demonstrated in his life, how to grow deeper each day in Christ, to connect with his fellow brothers and sister, and to lead as well as support the fellowship. Through his vision, I believe Arnold will cultivate a community centred on God and loving each other.

The first time I encountered Arnold was while he was a Captain during a Teens' Conference. I did not know him then, but I saw in him a leader who cared about those around him. He demonstrated throughout the conference a desire to be engaged with what God was doing and was willing to motivate others even if he might look a little foolish. Arnold during his time at CCF has also shown these same skills through Drama, Investment Groups and raising up young leaders at Winter Retreat. Arnold's vision for CCF next year is to help others connect more with God and each other. He believes that each time we gather for fellowship or events we should be listening and seeing what God is doing through community. This will come through in how he plans out events and how each member is welcomed into fellowship.

Arnold is excellent candidate for Social Co-ordinator because he has the necessary skills to bring the fellowship together and his desire to see others grow deeper with Christ.

Carrie Lu

It is my pleasure to be nominating Arnold for the role of social coordinator in the upcoming year.

Last year, I was able to participate in the drama ministry he co-led. Through pre-planned programs, his love for us was demonstrated by his continuous care and encouragements. At times, the activity may be out of my comfort zone or my ability, but his guidance and encouragement helped me to be more comfortable and thus participated more. He is passionate with his God-given gift and it's shown through his joy and love for others.

Arnold also has the ability to engage others in activities. He is friendly and outgoing, and his genuine interest to participate is contagious. With His love for God and His children, I believe that serving on committee will allow Him to be a leader to the fellowship, as well as a support to team members he will be working closely with.

As much as he is loving and has gifts that will be greatly used as a social coordinator, Arnold has his brokenness and weaknesses that can be improved upon, such as humility and consistency. However, I do believe that he will be challenged and will grow as he walks this path of serving as social coordinator with the vision of encountering God in all that he does.

Name: Simeon Wong
Position: Secretary - Treasurer
Years at CCF: 2
Years as Christian: 4-6
Current Church: Toronto Chinese Methodist Church
Home Church: Toronto Chinese Methodist Church

Alex Tseng

It gives me great joy to witness the faithfulness that God is working out in my brother, Simeon. His is a life which has been blessed: foremost by the grace of God in Christ Jesus, and continually as he believes in and pursues the presence of God. In all things, let God be given glory.

And indeed Simeon has received in humility. We in CCF know of his regular service in the form of A/V, and still others have seen more than this in his church. This kind work is always background, but always a means to support the more visible. Alongside this is his place at U of T. Yet in all of these things Simeon seeks no pride; he takes the skills given him, knows it, masters it, and aims to improve, in whatever way possible, the service he provides or the work he does. Of his technical skill, there is no question. Of his direction? Simply: he is facing God.

For my part, I am very thankful for Simeon's work with me this past year in A/V. He has taught me new things, and I have seen his desire to glorify God in what he does. I am blessed in my walking with this brother. Thus, it is privilege to see his growing, to support him. For the role of Secretary-Treasurer in UTCCF 2013-2014, I offer him my nomination. May you treat him well.

Evaine Chan

It is my pleasure to support Simeon for Secretary/Treasurer for CCF. I have known Simeon for a few years now, and I can see how committed he is to fellowship and serving God. It is evident that he has the heart and passion to grow in Christ. Simeon attends CCF every week and he is never afraid to share about his struggles and hardships with other brothers and sisters in Christ. His desire to constantly draw near to God encourages me to do the same.

Not only does he attend fellowship on a weekly basis, he serves in various ministries. Simeon helps out with AV at CCF and his church, he was the team treasurer for his CCSA (Chinese Christian Softball Association) softball team last summer, and he also managed the website for CCSA last summer. There is no doubt that Simeon enjoys serving God by using his knowledge and skills. As the secretary/treasurer of CCF, one needs to be organized and have a desire to serve God. As his AV partner for CCF, I know for sure that Simeon is highly organized and will use his gifts to glorify God as a faithful servant.

Terry Chan

I am deeply encouraged by Simeon's courage and desire to step up for the position of Secretary and Treasurer. Simeon is hardworking, organized and competent in managing his time well as seen through his constant dedication to CCF and success in his studies.

This past year, I've had the privilege of being in the same investment group as Simeon. Over a year of bible studies and discussions, I have seen his passion and interest in God's Word, watched him mature as an individual and acknowledge his limitations. He is open to criticism, and understands the value of growing deeper in Christ, and I trust he will continue to walk faithfully with God. It has been an amazing experience to grow and learn together as we study His Word.

Moreover, I have personally served alongside with him in musical worship and AV team at Large Group and Winter Retreat where I witnessed his dedication, humility and consistency while serving the community quietly in the background through AV team. I believe his strong administrative skills and innovative ideas, displayed through his studies and at AV would be extremely fitting for his role and edifying to the committee and UTCCF next year.

Therefore, I am pleased to nominate Simeon as Secretary Treasurer in the upcoming year.

Name:	Lawrence Sham
Position:	Outreach Coordinator
Years at CCF:	3
Years as Christian:	13+
Current Church:	Richmond Hill Chinese Baptist Church
Home Church:	Richmond Hill Chinese Baptist Church

Justin Wong

Over the past several months, I have been blessed to live and journey with Lawrence as a friend and housemate. He is a patient and humble person, who listens before he speaks and is sincere in his relationships with others. His light personality and willingness to try are especially encouraging as he lives daily life.

He has and continues to serve faithfully wherever he is. Regardless of the activity he facilitates during CCF's sports ministry, his concern is that people may live fully - to try hard, to exercise well, and to relate well with others, be they teammates or opponents. As he dedicates himself to serve his investment group, Lawrence shows delight in the Word, and diligently seeks to know God together with others and on his own, even if the process makes him uncomfortable.

His decision to run as outreach coordinator is genuinely one of faith - as he recognizes his doubts and points of weakness, he also knows that we who claim Christ are marked for very different lives. He understands that we need to live whole lives amongst all the different spheres of influence we inhabit; that there are many opportunities within each to care and to testify by simply being present with the people in them. Having carefully considered what may lie before him in the time ahead and how to conduct himself, I believe his commitment is one we can learn from as we live as disciples of Christ.

Kelly Ma

Lawrence is an inspiring brother whom I've come to know better for the past year. He is someone who constantly yearns for God and strives to bring others closer to Him. He is a humble servant who has a genuine willingness to learn and to listen to God. It has been an encouragement to see God work through him and the heart He's given him to run for Outreach Coordinator. I trust as God has placed in him a heart to serve that he would inspire others to journey together with him in discovering the beauty of Christ in this broken world. As God continues to mold and grow Lawrence, I believe that God will use him mightily to speak of Christ's love for those inside and outside the UTCCF community.

Hannah Wong

Over the last few years, I have become acquainted with Lawrence both in and outside of CCF. I feel privileged to witness God's work in and through him in so many different areas! Being in his small group when he led Bible study for the first time and co-leading IG with him this year has been a great joy. Lawrence approaches the Word of God with great humility, an attitude that colours the way he leads our group through Bible study, listens to questions and offers encouragement. As a leader, Lawrence has set an example for me in consistently listening to suggestions and criticism, while openly identifying his own weaknesses.

Most importantly, Lawrence's pursuit of Christ does not reside only in organized and structured contexts of faith (i.e. CCF and church), but is also very evident in his everyday life. His care and consideration for people on a daily basis can be seen in how he lives with his housemates and community. Over the time I have known him, he has begun to question more and more, how our identity with Christ bears consequences on the way we live and care for our world. I see his life as one continually being transformed by his relationship with Christ. I am certain that God will continue to use both Lawrence's strengths and weaknesses to make him salt and light in the community of CCF and in the world.

Name: Yuqi Ma
Position: Large Group Coordinator
Years at CCF: 3
Years as Christian: 4-6
Current Church: Abundant Life Church
Home Church: Milliken Chinese Community Church

Debbie Lo

I've had the joy of knowing Yuqi for the past three years as an IG co-leader, friend, and housemate.

As an IG co-leader, I am no foreigner to Yuqi's work ethic, discipline, and initiative. She balances work between a demanding academic program among other commitments in addition to IG facilitation.

As a friend, I've been able to witness how she values her friendships and uplifts the spirit of anyone who interacts with her. The interactions she has with her friends, family and fellowship show loyalty, sensitivity and genuineness; the combination of these in addition to optimistic outlook makes her very approachable to all.

As a housemate, her comfort and support are an encouragement to me. Having the opportunity of growing alongside her, I am often inspired by her sincere approach to the Word and her subsequent attempts to apply scripture in her daily battles. (Furthermore, I can attest that she takes care of herself physically.)

God has blessed Yuqi with a refreshing, admirable and contagious outlook on life--and I probably don't speak for myself when I say this--but I can't help but see a glimpse of God's Kingdom in community with Yuqi. Having said this, CCF, it is my honour to have the opportunity to share her with you. I hereby nominate Yuqi as your next Large Group Coordinator.

Cedric Tai

I'm delighted to nominate Yuqi as Large Group Coordinator. I've always admire Yuqi for her sincerity and honesty. Her cheerful personality makes interacting with her very fun and real. She has a thirst to question and dig deep into the heart of God to find answers. Last year, when she and Tsuey led IG together, I could tell that the questions she raised during manuscript come genuinely from her heart. She is willing speak up and engage in the conversations - a key trait for Large group coordinator

As a fellow Engsci, I can see her dedication to her academic pursuits. Even though Engsci is demanding, she manages to maintain some life-balance. I remember bumping into her a few times on campus while she's jogging.

From my interactions with her in the past three years I know she struggles with priorities, but I'm confident that this coming year, while she's on PEY, she will find it much easier to commit to the committee position.

Kelly Ma

Having the privilege to live with Yuqi this year, I have been encouraged by her love and dependency on Christ. Yuqi is someone who has a heart to seek after God in all that she does and strives to live a life that overflows with His love. It has been especially encouraging to see her put her trust in God in all circumstances, realizing that she is nothing without Him.

She is a responsible, disciplined and warm-hearted sister and I trust that Yuqi would be a wonderful servant of God on committee next year. I see in her a heart that desires to serve Him through exuding His love to others and to encourage others to do the same. She is a wonderful work in progress whom I strongly believe that God would enable to reflect glimpses of Christ to the fellowship as she serves and grows in Him.