## Social Coordinator - Simeon Wong

Years at CCF: 3

Years as a Christian: 7-9

Current Church: Toronto Chinese Methodist Church

**Home Church:** Toronto Chinese Methodist Church

## **Vision Statement**

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## "Fellowship, Outside of Fellowship"

UTCCF strives to be a family of brothers and sisters in Christ: caring for one another, being there for one another in times of need, and worshipping and seeking after God together, as a fellowship in one Spirit. Fellowship should not end with large group, or even IGs. Even more so, pursuing God and applying His Word should not end with large group, nor with IG time. To help one another up and sharpen one another, we must keep each other accountable, and provide encouragement and support when it is needed. Oftentimes, the greatest need for a fellow brother or sister happens outside of large group, and so the need for relationships which extend beyond just IG or large group.

Retreats are one of the venues in which new friendships are made, and existing friendships grow deeper. Time is set aside for sharing a meal together, fellowshipping over group games, Bible studies, board games, and throwing each other into the canal or snow. There's also time for personal reflection, and sharing. Time for encouraging one another, and wading through the issues of life together. Retreats are one of the times where we see a lot of relationship-building happen, and often, these relationships continue to persist beyond CCF large group and events.

But relationship-building doesn't have to be confined to retreats or other CCF external events! My vision is to foster an environment where CCFers can develop these relationships which extend beyond just during IG time, but rather extending throughout the week, and throughout the school year. My vision is to turn every CCF meeting, whether it's a large group, or a ministry, or an event into an environment where persistent relationships thrive. Every CCF event, should be a social event.

A social CCF event can still take many forms, even a regular weekly Bible study. Social events do not need to be purely hanging out, but could also include engaging more deeply with one another. For example, within IGs, we can set goals based on the application of the passage, then check up on one another during the week and encourage one another. Or

large group games, during Friday large group. Or introducing sharing and reflection time some weeks during large group. But no matter what form the social aspect takes, the end goal is an environment for these deeper relationships. After all, being more intentional and purposeful in our relationships and fellowship with one another is also avenue of serving God.

So essentially, my vision is this: to foster an environment where the fellowshipping continues, outside of Friday large group fellowship.

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

- Hebrew 10:24-25