

UTCCF Executive Committee Nominees for 2010-2011

This document contains the nominations put forth for the nominees for the executive committee for 2010-2011. It gives information about the number of years the nominee has attended UTCCF, the number of years as a Christian, the church he/she goes to, the name of the nominator, the rationale for nomination and the names of two people who support the nomination.

Please read through this carefully, along with each nominee's vision statement (to come at a later date), to make an informed decision as to whom you will vote, combining both the nominee's character and the nominee's vision for the future of UTCCF.

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Chair – Joshua Wang

Years at UTCCF: 5+

Years as a Christian: 13+

Current Church: Scarborough Chinese Alliance Church / New Hope Fellowship

Home Church: Scarborough Chinese Alliance Church / New Hope Fellowship

Name of Primary Nominator: Natasha Sanderson

Reasons for Nominating:

The first time I met Josh, I felt like I was being welcomed back into a big family for he was not the normal guy who just says hi and asks for your name. He genuinely cares. Mature, yet young at heart Josh has an ability to reach out and care for the younger ones, and also connect them to the upper years of CCF to bridge the gap between the young and the old. Having him as my Investment Group leader for 2 years now has been a great blessing as he continues to support and challenge me. Josh is a big guy with a big heart for God and for the fellowship, and after talking to him it is evident that he has many qualities fit for a Chair. We can all see it through the way he lives out his life: striving to know God, and to make Him known. One important trait that is important for anyone in leadership, which he has, is humility. Josh openly admits his faults and submits everything before God, and each week at CCF investment group he sincerely seeks for our support and prayer. He takes critiques with an open heart and will do whatever he can to improve. He has trained up many great leaders to be better followers of Christ together, all the while continuing to set an example for others, intensively running, and always sharpening the “cutting edge sword”; All in all, a humble servant of God.

Nomination Supporters: Yeva Tang, Crystal Tong

Vice-Chair – Mike Li

Years at UTCCF: 4

Years as a Christian: 13+

Current Church: Toronto Chinese Baptist Church

Home Church: Toronto Chinese Baptist Church

Name of Primary Nominator: Josephine Cheung

Reasons for Nominating:

I've known Mike since Frosh week and since then I have seen his continual growth throughout these past 4 years. He has been an encouragement not just to me but to CCF as a whole and I have seen his heart of humility as he serves both God and the people of CCF. Previously he served on CCF committee as secretary/treasurer and anyone who was around during that year can attest to his diligent work and flexibility in ensuring that CCF ran smoothly. Experience on committee has given him insight on the infrastructure of committee as well as the ministries and small groups. This past year he continued to serve CCF despite being on his Professional Experience Year (PEY) by serving on worship team and by being a part of Grad dinner committee. He diligently puts his heart into all that he does submitting it to God's will. He is approachable and friendly, making the effort to get to know people including newcomers. His sociability and attitude enables him to work extremely well with all types of people. Not only does he have the skills to fill this role but he also has a heart for God. He is always trying to improve himself by becoming more Christ-like and accepting criticism with humility and a listening ear. Mike would be an excellent Vice-Chair and I have no doubt in my mind that he would be able to lead CCF towards becoming more Christ-like and towards being a light on campus.

Nomination Supporters: Jonathan Wang, Jonathan Fung

Male Devotional Leader – Justin Wong

Years at UTCCF: 2

Years as a Christian: 13+

Current Church: Toronto Chinese Baptist Church

Home Church: Toronto Chinese Baptist Church

Name of Primary Nominator: Jonathan Wang

Reasons for Nominating:

I would like to nominate Justin Wong for Male Devotional Leader because I have seen his heart for God and his heart for people. In terms of his heart for God, Justin frequently rises early in the morning to spend time with God in prayer and study. I can attest to this as I live with him and whenever I go to the washroom in the morning, he is usually in the kitchen with his Bible and notepad. He also has a deep appreciation and humility for theology and is usually always ready to discuss and probe through Biblical concepts. In terms of his heart for people, I have seen him grow in his outreach towards people this year through his service in the frosh small group, Freezer. While I have not been personally there to testify, I have the counsel of others that he indeed has a heart for the people. It is for these reasons that I put forth this nomination.

Nomination Supporters: Cedric Tai, Vivien Li

Female Devotional Leader – Hannah Wong

Years at UTCCF: 1

Years as a Christian: 13+

Current Church: Toronto Chinese Baptist Church

Home Church: Toronto Chinese Baptist Church

Name of Primary Nominator: Phila Leung

Reasons for Nominating:

The first thing that made me think that Hannah Wong would be a good candidate for Female Devotional Leader is her love and her natural inclination and gift of building relationships with people. She has the heart to reach out to people and she especially envisions leading the women at CCF next year to deepen their own relationship with God and with one another. After chatting with her at the nice and cozy Starbucks, it is evident that she has a passion for the Word of God. Her passion also owns up to her having a solid knowledge in scripture, which will equip her well to lead girls next year to grow spiritually through Bible Studies and through devotions. Even as I challenged her with areas on which she could still improve, she was willing to accept the challenge. When I asked her to think and pray about her inner convictions from God for example: learning to see people's needs far greater than her own while serving, she was compelled to prayerfully seek after God's will in it. It has been my pleasure meeting up and praying with Hannah because she not only has the competence to fulfill the responsibilities of her Devotional Leader role, she seeks God first and to be open to His convictions. I especially love her character of teachability because she is willing to listen to comments and critics which will take her very far in her growth as a leader. I am encouraged.

Nomination Supporters: Tsuey Ho, Natasha Sanderson

Secretary and Treasurer – Ernie Tam

Years at UTCCF: 3

Years as a Christian: 10-12 years

Current Church: Toronto Chinese Baptist Church

Home Church: Kowloon City Baptist Church

Name of Primary Nominator: Adriel Clayton

Reasons for Nominating:

I have known Ernie since the end of his first year, and he has demonstrated continual spiritual growth and maturity. He stands out as a strong leader spiritually, and from our many discussions, I believe that he is more than capable of serving on the committee. He has increasingly become more active over the years in his service at CCF. Ernie outwardly displays attributes of the Fruit of the Spirit – he is kind, gentle, loving, and humble, willing to serve others and put their priorities ahead of his. As I have worked alongside him with many of the larger worship teams, I have noticed that he works diligently and is always prepared and encouraging. Throughout trials and curveballs thrown at him and the worship teams, he has remained rooted in his faith, maintaining patience evidenced by his strong composure, poise, and confidence. He is a clear leader, serving as worship coordinator and co-leader of Le Men XY, and genuinely cares about the wellbeing of others and of CCF. I believe that Ernie's educational background in Commerce will prove to be a strong asset to the treasury aspect of the position. Furthermore, his humility and willingness to serve God however he knows best along with his hard-working nature will make him an excellent candidate as a secretary. Having previously served on the UTCCF committee, I have been able to observe the capacity to which the secretary/treasurer must serve, and I know that Ernie is an excellent candidate for the position.

Nomination Supporters: Fiona Tang, Kenneth Leung

Outreach Coordinator – Crystal Tong

Years at UTCCF: 2

Years as a Christian: 1-3 years

Current Church: Toronto Chinese Baptist Church / New Hope Fellowship

Home Church: Beijing International Fellowship

Name of Primary Nominator: Joshua Wang

Reasons for Nominating:

My knowledge of Crystal extends back to when she was in my small group last year, to hearing of her excitement from the summer, to seeing her mature throughout this past year. She's developed as a leader through her experience as an Investment Group Leader; and her passion is evident in her involvement in social justice. Having heard her vision, I'm excited to see how God will use her ministry to bring new light on our calling as Christians.

Nomination Supporters: Joshua Lau, Jonathan Fung

Social Coordinator – Ian Lee

Years at UTCCF: 3

Years as a Christian: 13+ years

Current Church: Toronto Chinese Baptist Church

Home Church: N/A

Name of Primary Nominator: Joshua Lau

Reasons for Nominating:

This past year I had the privilege of living with Ian so I feel that I can comment on his spiritual life and personal qualities. Ian's passion for God is apparent through his nurturing character towards other people. For instance, Ian will always be the first one to take care of his sick roommates in 68 by making them congee and lemon water! These small acts of love are reflective of his serving heart and genuine concern for others. Moreover, his desire to pursue God's will is evident through his daily devotions and ability to learn from those around him. Currently, he is working on his time management and delegation skills. This position will help him acquire these traits and give him the chance to grow spiritually. His professional competence and animated qualities are also very well suited for this role. Watching him lead up men's group was also an inspiration because I witnessed his passion to create a community for his younger peers. Throughout his service at CCF, Ian has proved that his commitment is unwavering and his intentions pure so I nominate him with no hesitation whatsoever.

Nomination Supporters: Josephine Cheung, Miriam Leung

Large Group Coordinator – Serene Wong

Years at UTCCF: 2

Years as a Christian: 13+ years

Current Church: Toronto Chinese Baptist Church

Home Church: Beijing International Christian Fellowship

Name of Primary Nominator: Joshua Lau

Reasons for Nominating:

Serene has demonstrated her God given talents through serving as a hospitality leader this year at CCF. She exhibits a strong level of commitment by sending weekly hospitality updates and setting up rotation teams. Moreover, her passion towards hospitality is shown through her aims to incorporate new members to the welcome team. I believe she can utilize these skills to make large groups a collaborative event, which is much needed in our fellowship. Ultimately, I have confidence in nominating Serene because of her transparency and genuine character. She's not fake, superficial or shallow. She can be the voice of reason and practicality in the committee and her assertive personality will also keep other accountable to their commitments and responsibilities. Furthermore, Serene is never afraid to guide the conversation during investment group or ask thought provoking questions. Her unique insights will add a different perspective to the committee which will allow them to accommodate for greater diversity in the fellowship.

Nomination Supporters: Crystal Tong, Miriam Leung