

UTCCF Elections Nominations 2014

Richard Kwan

Position:	Chairperson
Years at UTCCF:	4
Years as Christian:	10-12
Current Church:	Mississauga Carmel Mandarin Alliance Church
Home Church:	Mississauga Carmel Mandarin Alliance Church

Jesse Tan

Richard is a brother that I've gotten to know very well over the past school year through interaction in our investment group and sports ministry. He is an extremely charismatic and outgoing person who always makes an emphasis to interact with others within the fellowship regardless of their age, ethnicity or cultural background. I was privileged to have been able to share my burdens and joys with Richard many times this year and throughout our times of sharing I began to see that behind the muscles and tough guy mentality lies a man who truly seeks after God's own heart and has a great deal of compassion and love for the people in the fellowship. Richard possesses great leadership skills and though he struggles with working with people at times, I do believe that God will slowly help him to break through that barrier. With his experience working in PEY this year and as a 4th year Chemical engineering student, there is no question to his work ethic and organizational skills, which is a key component to any part of serving. Having been attending UTCCF for the past 4 years, Richard has a clear understanding of the various dynamics of the fellowship and has been able to witness the work God has been doing in UTCCF, which has greatly influenced and developed his vision for the fellowship. Richard Kwan is a more than capable candidate and I trust that the fellowship would be in good hands under his care.

Gabriel Ng

I would like to nominate Richard Kwan in this position because I feel that not only does he have the ability, but he also has the heart and passion to do so. Richard has a very outgoing, friendly, and funny personality, he is easily approachable and also a very hard working individual. Throughout the winter retreat, I have had the ability to work with him and I've learned so much from his leadership skills and style. I find Richard a very interesting leader throughout winter retreat, and I believe that his vision and leadership will help him to perform this role terrifically. As a fourth-year student on co-op term, Richard is a very experienced CCF member and he is committed to attend the fellowship whenever possible. More importantly, I believe that his vision and beliefs for CCF will continue to bring the fellowship forward with a positive attitude that is full of love, energy, and caring. For these reasons, I find that Richard Kwan a very suitable person for this position.

Jake Ko

Richard is in my IG and from large group dinners, winter retreat, and volleyball I have had the privilege of getting to know him as an upper year and a brother-in-Christ. He holds many qualities, which will make him a great leader and a servant for Christ. Firstly, he is honest. He is able to give his honest input whether it is about his own experiences or what he thinks you are doing well or could do better.

Secondly, he is able to delegate. During volleyball, I was able to see how he identified the strengths of each player and delegated how each should be playing for the betterment of the whole team. He did this not in a commanding way, but with a genuine heart to help the team perform better. Another key quality of a good leader is to know how to communicate effectively. Richard is able to voice out his concerns and opinions clearly with much sensibility. Most of all, what makes him stand out is his passion and dedication to serve the Lord. Despite his busy work schedule and distant workplace, he does not fail to come to large group and contribute to CCF in every way possible. As serious as I make Richard sound, he still has a great sense of humour. What makes him successful is that he never forgets to enjoy it along the way. All of the above qualities of Richard inspires me and makes me want to follow his ways.

Dawn Chow

Position:	Vice-Chair
Years at UTCCF:	2
Years as Christian:	10-12
Current Church:	Richmond Hill Chinese Community Church
Home Church:	Emmanuel English Church

Ivanne Cheng

Dawn has acquired a keen sense of insight in scripture, a passion for worship, and a yearning to witness the furthering of His kingdom first hand in the hearts of her brothers and sisters in Christ. Throughout the past year, she has wholeheartedly offered her talents and skills to the fellowship. Having taken a number of us under her wing to be mentored in musical worship for winter retreat, I can attest to her willingness to serve, the unhindered support she offers, and the initiative she takes in offering herself wherever and whenever she is called. She has taught me a great deal in finding reassurance in the fact that everything we do, we do for God's glory. She has served Christ with such devotion and steadfast love and God has blessed her in return.

That being said, she has learned to put up walls and guard herself from the persecution that goes hand-in-hand with living a non-worldly life. She has found comfort in seeking guidance and help solely from her superiors/elders, which has, in turn, closed a lot of potential relationships within the fellowship. Her ability to give love can be limited by the walls she has put up. I encourage her to take courage in intently forming relationships throughout the fellowship and choosing God every chance she gets. I believe that she will use her role as vice-chairperson at UTCCF to foster a place of unyielding support, Christ-centered community, and a courage founded upon our Father's love.

Terry Chan

Knowing Dawn for 2 years, I have seen her grow in various ways. Although she did not live or study downtown during her first year of CCF, her passion for worship and serving others led her to travel down every week to bless our community. Her past experience in leading worship ministry and mentoring other potential leaders demonstrates that she has the ability to spot potential, encourage others, and support leaders. These gifts are transferable to fit the role in helping ministries to grow and build a Christ-centered community inside and outside of the committee.

On a more personal level, I had the opportunity to walk alongside with her. I have seen her constantly reflect and look towards God. I believe she is more than capable in supporting the leaders to be bold in God's Ministry.

With that said, not only do I believe Dawn has the practical skills to work well in committee and support the dynamic of CCF committee but I trust that she would rely fully on God to serve those who are

around her. Therefore, I would like to nominate Dawn as Vice Chair for the upcoming year of CCF committee.

Lindsay Mark

This past year, I have gotten to know Dawn not only as a leader, but as a sister. After meeting up with her a couple of times, I have learned that she is someone who seeks her identity in Christ and has a passionate heart to serve the Lord. It has been so great to see her grow this past year through the many challenges that have come her way. It was through these struggles that I was able to see her persevere, grow and continuously seek after God. With that said, I can attest to the joy, commitment and support attributed to Dawn. In the process of getting ready for winter retreat, she encouraged brothers and sisters to step up into a role of leadership. Through consistent encouragement, constructive criticism, advice and prayer, she supported these leaders in every way that she could. It was a great encouragement to see her lift up these brothers and sisters in Christ and to see the joy she had in doing so. For this reason, I strongly believe that she will be able to fill the role of vice-chair at CCF as she will be able to provide the support needed for the chair, the committee and the leaders for the coming year. On a more personal level, Dawn has been one to teach me not to fear. She is consistent with these words as she often tells me to be bold, remember the Gospel, and have faith in God. I know that Dawn has a big heart to serve the Lord and a love to encourage others. However, Dawn tends to surround herself and seek comfort from people whom she is familiar with. Her ability to love others may be limited by the familiar faces she stays close to. I believe that this position will challenge her to step out of her comfort and find courage to love and outreach to those in need. I encourage Dawn to continue to seek the Lord and allow Him to take her to places she is not familiar with. Thus, I believe that as Dawn takes up the role of vice-chair, she will be challenged as she will continue to learn about Christ's love for her and the investment of love she must make towards others.

Claire Hooi

Position:	Female Devotional Leader
Years at UTCCF:	1
Years as Christian:	1-3
Current Church:	New City Toronto Church
Home Church:	N/A

Hillary Ma

Even though I've only known Claire for a year I've gotten to know her quite well. Through her summer job at TCBC, IG leading and decorating our apartment I've seen that she does not shy away from responsibility but rather desires to put her full effort into her work. She also recognizes the value of fellowship and takes the initiative to reach out to people. For example she implemented a small group dedicated to sharing and prayer this year which has benefited me greatly. She is perceptive to the needs of others and genuinely cares for them. I'm often pleasantly surprised by the details of my life she remembers as it demonstrates her willingness to listen.

I've also seen her go through ups and downs, and admire the way she is able to endure hardship. What really sticks out to me is the way she centres her life on God. In every aspect of her life, even the most insignificant ones, she relies on Him for strength and guidance. She always considers how she can use each situation to glorify Him and recognizes that all her abilities come from Him. I am personally inspired by the way she turns to Him for everything and places such a strong emphasis on prayer. Her heart to obey God's will shows that she has truly surrendered herself to Him and because of this I believe that she will allow the Spirit to work through her leadership in any way He wants.

Agnes Lin

Claire exudes this amazing and contagious kind of love for God that really helps uplift the brothers and sisters around her. Her willingness to surrender herself for God's glory and the advancement of His kingdom shines as she is always open to stepping out of her comfort zone for His sake. From when I first met Claire, I was able to see the amazing gifts that God has given her for both leadership and support. With that being said, I would like to nominate Claire for female devotional leader as I have witnessed personally her heart to serve God and her love for the people around her, especially her sisters. Despite it being a tough year for her personally and within the fellowship, I have confidence that her presence on committee will be a blessing more than anything and faithfulness that God is going to continue to challenge her as a leader within the fellowship. Not only would Claire being the female DL be a great support for the women in the fellowship, but this would be a great opportunity for the women in the fellowship to support this sister also. My prayer for Claire is that she will be continually challenged by God and by the fellowship in this role, and that she will see these challenges as opportunities to trust in God more than ever.

Lucy Li

I see Claire as being warm, genuine, and dependent on God. She's one of my IG leaders but I didn't expect to interact with her outside of IG. However, throughout the term she would reach out to me, contacting me to meet up and ask how I was doing. One thing I really enjoyed about her was her honesty. The things that she said were genuine and meaningful to her. She didn't waste time on empty words, but at the same time, she never spoke as if she was in a superior position just because of her age and experience. These qualities made it easy for me to be honest when I talked to her. A topic that we'd sometimes touch upon in our conversations was dependence on God. What really stood out to me was the extent to which she laid everything on God. In the way she spoke, it seemed as if God was the only lifeline she had. I do recognize that like every Christian, she isn't perfect in her faith but the strength of her faith and conviction really showed whenever we spoke. After listening to her share after coming back to CCF I saw that her experiences have tested but also strengthened her faith, giving her maturity and wisdom that have benefited me and I think would benefit others as well. Through these experiences that I have had with Claire, I feel that she would make a good devotional leader.

Evaine Chan

Position:	Large Group Coordinator
Years at UTCCF:	3
Years as Christian:	7-9
Current Church:	Malvern Baptist Church
Home Church:	Malvern Baptist Church

Simeon Wong

Over the past 3 years knowing Evaine, I've seen God working through her and challenging her in many ways. She has demonstrated her genuine willingness to serve God humbly and pragmatically through her gifts and circumstances, and shining the light of Christ to those around her, in response to Christ's love. Evaine loves and cares deeply for the people around her, beneath the occasional sarcastic quip. Although initially a little shy, Evaine contributes insightful comments and many laughs to our small group.

Evaine has consistently demonstrated her ability to plan, coordinate and lead a team in executing meetings like UTCCF's weekly large group. She is currently serving as the AV ministry co-leader where weekly, she liaises with the musical worship team, the current large group coordinator, and others in order to support Friday large group in their audio-visual requirements. This past summer, she has also served as the head coach of Malvern Baptist Church's junior softball team Capstones, training, coordinating, and leading other team leaders and team members in the game of softball, and in fellowshiping with one another.

Although Evaine serves and leads in many ways in both CCF and at her home church, many of these positions require her to step outside of her area of comfort, and she recognizes the need to completely surrender and depend upon God. Therefore, I have no reservations at all about giving Evaine my full support for, and nominating her for the position of large group coordinator.

Jeffrey Lam

Evaine is an organized, articulate and hard-working individual. She is also encouraging, genuine, and eager to put into practice what God has been teaching her. Her love for CCF is particularly apparent through her enthusiasm and proactive willingness to welcome, care for and serve her fellow brothers and sisters. This is further exemplified by her strivings to maintain and enhance the sense of community and belonging imparted to her by preceding CCF-goers. Taking on a committee position will challenge her to wholeheartedly depend on God's guidance and provision – especially through shortcomings of her own and of those with whom she will serve. She also recognizes that wholeheartedly performing the required tasks of a large group coordinator throughout the course of the year would only be possible through constantly and effortfully seeking after where God is leading her and CCF. Currently serving as an AV lead, she already knows the needs, capabilities, and limits of AV's work before and

during large group; this knowledge and experience is advantageous for coordinating and facilitating large-group time well. I am confident that her intention for taking on the role of large group coordinator is pure and that she is capable of performing its responsibilities well.

Yuqi Ma

The first time I met Evaine was at Frosh Connexion three years ago. Since then, she has grown to become a dear sister in our big CCF family. She has a quiet demeanour but a big heart for serving God. Some of us may have gotten to witness her humble services to our fellowship; always offstage, doing work that comes before and after every CCF event. Watching her lead the AV team this year, I got to see just what it means for CCF to be a body of Christ.

From our conversations, I know that she cares very much about her relationship with God. Even though serving as large group coordinator may put her into a state of discomfort, she is willing to take that step forward in order to strive towards a closer relationship with God. I can't wait to see the amazing things that God will bring to fruition through this beautiful sister!