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## Liberty Redefined

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My name is Christopher, and I bleed blue at U of T while double majoring in Peace Conflict and Justice and Employment Relations. Don't bother remembering any of that; basically I'm a political science nerd.

Lots of movies are shot on campus and around the city, like Mean Girls, Harold and Kumar, Pacific Rim and most recently, Suicide Squad. There's a lot of talk and hype about Suicide Squad since their trailer was released two weeks ago, because of a really special character none other than Batman's nemesis: the Joker. He has this really scary line at the end of the trailer that goes, "Oh I'm not gonna kill you... I'm just going to hurt you. Really, really, bad." The Joker's famous for two things: being an anarchist and being a psychopath. Now I'm a political nerd, so I'm trained to justify and see connections between things. So I'm going to justify a pretty crazy idea for you right now. I'm going to pitch to you that your campus is going to try to low-key turn you into the Joker.

It starts with looking at what university is about. University is about a lot of things, but I'm going to focus on one huge thing about university, and that's the independence. You've heard it before too. There are tons of new experiences, new responsibilities and a whole wack of freedom to do certain things and freedom from other things. Independence in itself isn't exactly a bad thing. But it can push you to be dangerously self-reliant. Here's how. (Continued on next page...)

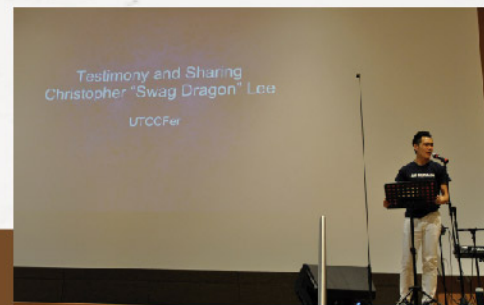
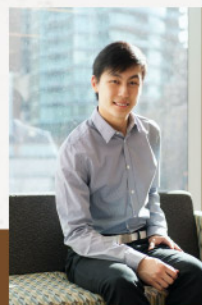
## 自由的重新定義

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我是Christopher，多大政治系的書呆子。

很多電影，包括最新出爐的【自殺突擊隊】，都以校園及城市作故事的背景。在這電影的預告片中，蝙蝠俠的對頭人小丑，在最後說了一句極令人恐慌的話：「我不會殺死你，我只是要重重的傷害你。」眾人皆知小丑是個無政府主義者，他更是個精神變態者。現在就讓我這個政治系的書呆子，來解畫校園也可以怎樣不動聲色地轉化學子成為那小丑吧！

試想甚麼是專上教育？大學之道其中重要的一環，就是學習自立。在大學期間，我們經過許許多多的新經歷，新責任，和作事或不作事的自由。自立本是成長，但卻可跨脫變成自負。(後頁再續...)



"Liberty Redefined" was Christopher's recent sharing at Frosh ConneXion 2015. 「自由的重新定義」是Christopher於Frosh ConneXion (大學大專迎新會2015) 的分享。



One perspective of youth is that it's a transition phase between childhood and adulthood. And in our Western culture, adulthood is defined by three things: income, marriage, and a house. Campus is supposed to be where you acquire the means to this end. It's also the environment where you start to see this cultural narrative. But that's not enough to go around. So scarcity leads to competition, which makes self-interest a burning temptation. Success almost starts seeming like we have to achieve at the expense of others. So for that reason, we go at it alone. Self reliance.

It also doesn't help that the system favours and encourages effectual independence. It basically means you are your own boss and you regulate yourself. Campus seems to applaud when you succeed without a lot of help. And so that's what lots of people try to do. Self-reliance. And as a result of that, people easily start feeling like they need to do whatever they can to get whatever they want. Use your definition of what makes you happy right here, right now. Self-reliance. Being happy now has become the imperative of our time.

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The Joker makes his own rules and answers to no one. And by encouraging us to do everything ourselves, campus tempts us to do the same – to make our own rules and answer to no one. Not in a criminal sense, but by making us swallow the very philosophy that motivates all the crimes the Joker commits. That philosophy defines the Joker, not his crimes.

Now where this clashes with the Christian faith is pretty simple. If you won't even try to submit to the will of God, you can't be considered a Christian. Philippians 2:3 tells us, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility, value others above yourself." That's not what campus encourages us to do.

Now there's good news to all this. One, this isn't the experience of every single university student. Two, there are several ways to stay the course of the good life. And now I want to make my second pitch of the night, and that is the best way for us to fight extreme self-reliance is with solid Christian community. In other words, fellowship.

You lose a bit of self-interest when you see the merits of loving your neighbour as yourself. You lose a bit of self-gratification when you keep digging deeper into the Word and learn about how it destroys you. And you lose a bit of self-reliance when you see how God works powerfully through community and in peoples' lives everywhere and realize that you have virtually no power compared to God over what happens in this life.

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青年期本是由兒童進到成年的過渡階段。在西方文化，成年期卻往往由三件事來確定：收入，婚嫁，和擁有房子。而專上學府就成為了培育人達到成長 / 目標的工場。然而，在這工場內，學子們就受盡了這世俗文化的侵凌。只因資源有限，所以要競爭，所以人就會產生自私的念頭，成功就必須要凌駕於他人之上。故此，我們就要單人匹馬，自力更生。

可惜我們的制度只鼓吹和獎勵有成果的自立。簡單說，你就是自己的老闆，你能完全管制自己的人生和事務。各學府就是這樣讚揚那些不用幫忙而能成功的學子，我們亦甘心就範，全力追求自主自立。結果就是人更越法去自尋成功之途，用自己的定義來定斷甚麼才能在這時這刻令自己快樂。我們就是這樣自負，快樂滿足已成為這時代的必須價值。

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戲中小丑只有他自己的法律，並且他不需要向任何人作交代。同樣地，各學府亦鼓吹我們模倣這哲理，讓我們去自制規條，也不要受制於人。當然他們不是叫我們作犯法的事，只是去接受這哲理，然而這哲理最終便煽動小丑去作各種罪行。所以最危害的，並非是小丑的罪行，而是他的哲理。

這哲理當然與我們的信仰有嚴重衝突，倘若你不願意順服神的旨意，那你如何作一個基督徒。《腓立比書》2:3 說：「做任何事都不要出於爭競，也不可出於虛榮，而要以謙卑的心，各人看別人比自己強。」這道理絕非我們學府的教育本質。

幸好，我們還有好的消息。第一，這並非每一個基督徒大學生的經歷。第二，我們還是有其他途徑可以達到成功快樂。這亦是我的第二個論點，最能抗衡自負的就是基督徒的群體生活，或者團契。

當你看見愛人如己的美善時，你就會自然刪除一些私利。當你深入細研神的話語時，你就會免去一些自我的滿足，並明瞭它們查實是如何摧毀你的人生。當你體察到神的大能如何在群體和眾人中彰顯出來，你就減低自我的倚靠，並領悟你在神面前你的能力其實是毫不足道的。


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The Christian faith is not something you can live out alone. There are certain things through which God works that you can find in community – accountability, hospitality, charity, humility, mercy, it goes on.

And it's really evident that Christian faith is meant to include community when Paul says that we are the body of Christ. We each have a different purpose and we are called to use it. We are not on our own; we run through the fire together. We are wiser together. We shine brighter together. We are stronger together. Community is strength, and that's why it's so important.

Community has been an absolutely indispensable part of my university journey. When I fail to see God working on campus, members of community give me a reality check. Members of the community have been bestowed with an incredible amount of wisdom and free food. And community continues to empower me to forgive myself for my sins because some members find the strength to forgive me first.


It's not the easiest thing to do, though. Easy has never been promised to us. Yes our path is harder, but it leads to a better place. Yes our road is narrow, but we travel it together. The world doesn't need you, and the world doesn't need me. The world needs us. Community is our vessel. So hold on to the promise, because eternity is now. 

## Frosh ConneXion 2015 Reflection

Joshua Li (Student Ministry Associate)

We at AFC are thankful to God and to the many student leaders who took part in this year's Frosh ConneXion (FX). We had around 400 students in attendance with approx. 40% being frosh.

This year's FX was an important one, particularly for A/CCF student leaders. During FX planning, we analyzed 6 years of data and concluded that while FX is a key event for fellowships, the majority of newcomers first interact with their respective fellowships at other instances throughout the year, and that most newcomers who remain in fellowship communities are those who are followed up on past the two-week point in the academic year when the hype has died down. Thus, in preparation for FX and the academic year, A/CCF leaders committed to collectively learn and experience biblical hospitality, and redefine how they do ministry on campus. Leaders committed to receiving strangers and newcomers in the name of Jesus together as a community – not as individual fellowships, but united as a missional student movement brought and bound together in Christ.

We pray that the lessons learned and experiences undergone create a refreshing new precedent for the way we outreach on campus, as fellowships strive to be communities that are vibrant, attractive, and alive through the power of the Holy Spirit. 

基督徒的信仰並非可以單憑一己之力可以活出，神是要我們透過基督徒群體來學習問責，款待，樂善好施，謙遜，慈悲憐憫等等。

當保羅說我們是基督的身體時，意思就是說我們的信仰包含群體生活。神給我們各人不同的使命和恩賜去實踐。我們不能只靠自己而立，要如同一起搶出火場，要一起變得更聰明，更閃耀和更堅強。群體就是力量，所以這是很重要的。

在我個人而言，團契是我大學之旅不可劃去的一環。當我看不到神在校園動工時，團契的成員就更正我的視野。他們滿有著智慧和免費的餐食，他們給我饒恕，亦賦予我能力去饒恕自己的過犯。

然而這並非最容易實踐的事情，雖然神並沒有應許我們捷徑，縱然我們的旅途是艱苦，但總會引領我們到那更美之地。我們的路雖是窄，但我們仍然可以一同在其上同行。這世界並不需要你，也不需要我，但需要我們。就讓我們透過團契，持守那應許，因為現在就可以經歷永恆。

## 大專大學迎新會反思

勵頌恩 (學生事工幹事)

「使者」同工很感謝神以及一眾參與今年「大專大學迎新會」(FX) 的學生領袖。我們有大概有 400 位學生出席，而當中 40% 為大一新生。

今年「大專大學迎新會」尤其對亞裔 / 華人基督徒學生團契 (A/CCF) 領袖是很重要的一年。籌備期間，我們分析了六年的數據。得到的結論是雖然 FX 是學生團契一個重要的項目，但大部分新生都在學年其他時候接觸學生團契，保留在團契的學生都是在 FX 過後兩星期內有職員主動聯絡的。有見及此，籌備 FX 和學年期間，一眾學生領袖立志一起去學習及經歷聖經裏的款待，以及重新制定怎樣實踐校園事工。領袖們立志一起用耶穌的名去接待陌生人及新生，並因著耶穌的名而聯合起來去實踐校園福音運動。

我們祈禱透過 FX 所學到和所經歷到的能創造出另一種校園外展方法，並且所有學生團契透過聖靈的大能成為有生命氣息和吸引力的群體。 





# Burn Brock!

Ander Li (Student Ministry Associate)


On the evening of August 21st, 2014, between the hours of 5:00-6:30pm, 4 students and I started our first Brock MCCF meeting. After we prayed the Lord's Prayer, we prayed for Gospel on our campus together, may God's Holy fire burn through us! "Burn Brock" was our prayer to God. After our first fellowship ended, I treated the students to dinner. The \$100 dinner bill caused me insomnia later that night. During my prayers, I decided to bring home-cook meal for the students from then on. We could have fed 50 people with \$100!

This is our schedule for Brock MCCF: 5:30-6:45pm Dinner, 7:00-7:30pm Singspiration, 7:30-8:30pm Bible Study, 8:30-9:30pm Discussion. Our attendance rose to 12 on our second gathering, and 16 on the third...

God hears our prayers! On January 10th, 2015, Brock University MCCF hosted the first Evangelistic Meeting called "Begin again". Due to not being able to find a speaker for the event, God spoke to me and asked me to be the speaker. 12 students dedicated themselves to our Lord that night! God has already answered our prayers! We started a singspiration team, and some students could gradually lead a Bible study group. "From nothing, to everything", this is all God's work! "Burn Brock" is our continuous prayer to God. Since August 2014, 156 students have joined our WeChat (an instant messaging application) group.

There are 16 Christians, and 15 new Christians. Many students returned to their homelands after they graduated, and brought with them God's love, and began to spread His Gospel. As of today, 3 students have responded to God's calling, waiting to be equipped to serve Him full time.

Not only God has shown us the need in Brock University, He has also guide us to high school ministry. Every Thursday, we bring our home-cook meals to Smithville Christian High School and lead a Bible Study group. So far 2 students have been baptized and 3 have dedicated themselves to Christ.

God has already brought many international students from China to Canada. Let us pray "God! What should I do?" Please remember the needs of our Canadian campus ministries in your prayers: Gospel on campus needs your prayers! Gospel on campus needs your financial support! Please donate \$5 a week for our campus ministries, you can do it! 

# 燃燒吧，布魯克！

李長冰 (學生事工幹事)


2014年8月21日 5:00-6:30 PM, 我和四位同學開始了第一次佈魯克團契。分享了「主講文」之後，我們一同為校園福音禱告，求神的靈火燃燒！我們在禱告中呼求：「燃燒吧，布魯克！」這是我們向神的禱告。團契結束時，我請同學吃晚飯。回家後，當晚 \$100 的餐費使我難以入睡，禱告中，我決定以後自己煮飯帶到學校去，\$100 可以吃飽 50 人！

這是團契的程序表：5:30-6:45 晚餐、7:00-7:30 詩歌敬拜、7:30-8:30 查經、8:30-9:30 自由討論。第二次12位同學、第三次16位...

神眷顧我們！2015年1月10日，布魯克大學國語學生團契開始了第一次福音佈道會「從新出發」。在請不到講員的情況下，神感動我，要我擔任講員。當晚有12位同學決志！神已經垂聽我的禱告！我們開始有了詩歌敬拜小組，開始有同學可以帶領查經。「從無到有」，這都是神的作為！「燃燒吧，布魯克！」是我們向神不住的禱告！從2014年8月開始，有156位同學加入我們「燃燒吧，布魯克！」微信群。有16位基督徒，還有15位已經決志的弟兄姐妹。

有不少同學畢業後去到不同的地區和國家，他們帶著神的愛，開始傳神的福音。目前有3位同學回應神的呼召，奉獻自己，等待神的裝備。

神不但讓我們看到大學裡的福音禾場，神也帶領我們開始中學生事工。同樣地每週星期四，我們帶著食物到 Smithville Christian High School 開查經小組。目前已經有2位同學受洗，3位同學決志。

神已經將大量的中國留學生帶來加拿大。我們禱告吧：「主啊！我當做什麼？」請在您的禱告中紀念加拿大校園福音事工的需要：校園福音需要你的代禱！校園福音需要你金錢的支持！請為校園福音事工每星期奉獻 \$5.00，你可以的！ 



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# Introduction to Oshawa Chinese Christian Fellowship


Jon Fung (Student Ministry Associate)

This coming November, Oshawa Chinese Christian Fellowship (OCCF) will be celebrating its third year anniversary which is truly a testament to God's faithfulness!

Three years ago, a mandarin-speaking Masters student pursuing his studies in nuclear engineering, was called by God to start a "Love Fellowship" on the UOIT/Durham College campus to care for and share the Gospel with a handful of students and visiting scholars coming from China. This "Love Fellowship", now known as Oshawa Chinese Christian Fellowship (OCCF), is a vibrant community on campus (approximate size of 20-30 consistently) where Chinese students/scholars (international or local) can find a sense of family as well as explore the Christian faith through bible discussions. Perhaps one of the most exciting development for OCCF is seeing a few students each year come to know Christ, be baptized, then start to serve the fellowship faithfully. As God has been faithfully providing student leaders in the recent years, the fellowship is slowly transitioning into becoming more student led as compared to volunteer led.

In recent years, it is estimated that there are around 300+ Chinese international students on the UOIT/DC campus. However, with the rapid growth of UOIT and the Culture Works program becoming increasing popular among Chinese international students, it is estimated that a lot more Chinese international students who have never heard of Jesus Christ and His Gospel will be coming into Oshawa.

- Pray for OCCF and the student leadership team to have a growing heart to reach out to these international students with boldness!

- Pray for wisdom as we continually look for realistic ways to care for and serve these Chinese international students that they may encounter the love of Jesus Christ! 

# 奧沙華華人學生團契簡介


馮頌義 (學生事工幹事)

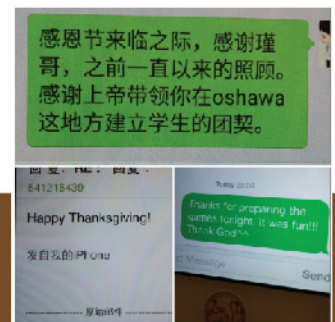
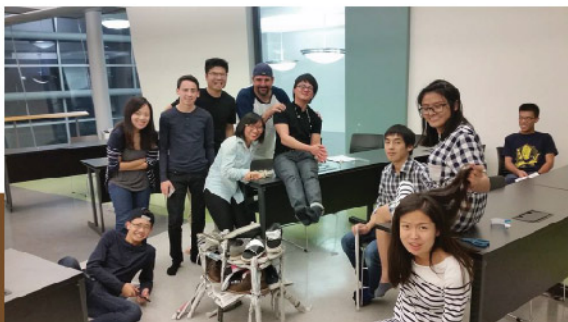
今年十一月，奧沙華華人學生團契 (OCCF) 將會慶祝三週年紀念，這乃完全是神的信實！

三年前，一個操國語修讀核工程的碩士生被神呼召在安大略理工大學 (UOIT) / 德恒學院 Durham College 開辦「愛的團契」去關懷一小群來自中國的大學生和探訪的學者，並把福音傳給他們。這個當年名為「愛的團契」，就是今天的奧沙華華人學生團契(OCCF)。這個現在大概有20-30人的群體成為了一眾土生及外來的中國學生可以透過聖經討論去尋找基督信仰及家的感覺的地方。其中令我們很興奮的發展是每年都目見有學生決志信主，受浸，然後在校園團契裏忠心服侍。神亦很信實的給我們興起學生領袖，使學生團契近幾年可以慢慢地由義工轉變為由學生帶領。

近年，我們估計有大概 300+ 的中國留學生在安大略理工大學 (UOIT)/ 德恒學院 Durham College 求學。隨著安大略理工大學的 Culture Works program 在中國群體漸趨普及，我們估計會有更多從未聽過福音的留學生來到奧沙華。

- 為 OCCF 和學生領導團有一顆熾熱的心向一眾留學生外展祈禱。

- 求神賜予智慧，好讓我們能有效地關顧及服侍這些中國留學生，從而令他們有機會接觸基督耶穌的大愛！ 






# 2015 Financial Report of Eastern Canada (Up to September 30, 2015)

This budget is intended to support 16 personnel serving Cantonese, English and Mandarin speaking high school, college, university and doctoral degree students. Due to financial restraint, currently we have 10 ministry staff and 1 administrative staff ministering in Eastern Canada and 2 workers ministering at Cambridge University, Cambridge of England.

AFC is a mission organization and all ministry staff are missionaries. Ministry staff joining AFC since 2014 raises 100% of his or her salary. Ministry staff who joined AFC prior 2014 are also gradually moving toward raising 100% of their salary as well. In fact some have already committed to raise the full amount of their salary in 2015.

We encourage our supporters to adopt one or a few staff to support, not only financially but also in prayer and relationally to care for the person and their work. By doing that you are giving strength to this kingdom work of advancing the gospel to students, furnishing them to be faithful followers of Jesus and campus leaders, and catalyzing a vital student Christian movement.


Our prayer is that multitudes of students come to Christ and become missional/kingdom-oriented disciples who intentionally and passionately live and witness for Jesus in Canada and around the world. 

# 2015 年加東區一月至九月 財務報告

這財政預算的本意是供應十六位員工對粵語、英語及普通話的中學生、大專生、大學生、博士生作福音工作。但因財政能力所限，現時我們有十位傳道同工及一位行政同工在加東區事奉，另有兩位特約傳道同工在英國的劍橋大學事奉。

「加拿大基督使者協會」乃一宣教機構，其下所有傳道同工皆是宣教士。從 2014 年開始加入的傳道同工都全數籌募個人的薪酬。2014 年之前已在「使者」事奉的傳道同工亦朝著這模式進發，在前面的日子也將會達到籌募個人全數的薪酬。事實上，有些 2014 年前加入機構的傳道同工亦已完全籌募自己 100% 的薪酬了。

我們鼓勵我們的支持者認領一位或幾位同工來支持他們，不單在金錢上，更是以禱告和友情去關懷他們及他們的工作。這樣做之時，就是壯大這天國的善工，讓福音可以驅進到學生群體、成全學生成為忠心的門徒及校園領袖，並促發有活力的基督徒學生運動。

我們的祈禱是無數的學生歸向基督，成為賦有使命及具天國意識的基督徒門徒，在加拿大以至世界各地，刻意和有熱忱地一生為耶穌而活並作祂的見證。 

	Till Sept 30 至九月卅日	2015 Annual Budget 2015 年全年預算
<b>Total Revenue 總收入</b>	<b>\$422,010</b>	<b>\$787,800</b>
Event Registration Fees 事工註冊費	\$118,689	\$155,000
Other Incomes 其他收入	\$7,279	\$24,200
Donation Incomes (see breakdown) 奉獻收入(見下列)	\$296,041	\$608,600
Individuals 個人	\$50,091	\$168,400
Churches / Charities 教會/慈惠機構	\$25,745	\$68,100
Corporations 盈利機構	\$8,834	\$13,100
Individuals - Staff Designated 個人給同工薪津	\$105,025	\$212,300
Churches/Charities - Staff Designated 教會/慈惠機構給同工薪津	\$95,547	\$127,400
Corporations - Staff Designated 盈利機構給同工薪津	\$10,800	\$14,400
Other Donations 其他奉獻	\$0	\$5,000
<b>Total Expenses 總支出</b>	<b>\$475,724</b>	<b>\$787,745</b>
Salaries, Benefits & Payroll Taxes 薪津, 福利及勞工稅	\$334,782	\$528,310
Office Rent & Operation 辦公室租金及營運費	\$53,458	\$87,280
Student Ministry Expenses 學生事工費用	\$87,484	\$172,155
<b>Difference 差額</b>	<b>-\$53,714</b>	<b>\$55</b>

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