
evergreen
BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES
annual Report
-2020-

An Unprecedented Year

What a year! We have survived 12 months of some of the most surprising and tragic events in recent American history. From a global pandemic to an attempted coup, it has been an eventful year. Through it all, I have seen God's faithfulness to this congregation as we have gone through our LGBTQ+ inclusion journey, lost loved ones, and creatively figured out new ways to be the church in this moment of time. We have so much to be grateful for - a campus that is paid off, another generous surplus, and a congregation that has made the transition to online ministry rather well. Yet what I am most thankful for is that we have made this journey together... that through some very difficult circumstances, our church family has grown deeper in faith, and deeper in love.

This year's annual report is a little different - it is illustrated from beginning to end by one of our high school students. Leah Hom is an emerging bullet journal artist and illustrator. Her playful use of colors and creative purity evoke what I believe we all need - a sense of promise and rebirth as we enter a new season of life and ministry. This is the hope we find in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and I know Leah's work will frame all of our church's statistics in that powerful story.

- Pastor Jason



Jason Ashimoto
Senior Pastor



January Lim
Worship Arts Pastor



Jonathan C. Wu
Executive Pastor



Shirley Lew
Family Life Pastor



Julie Ono
Family Care Pastor



Chloe Chow
Junior High Director



Mitchell Ebbott
Tech Director



Ryan Granucci
Youth Pastor

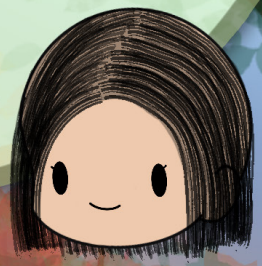


Elza Suhendra
Children's Ministry
Associate

Reflections from the Moderators

When asked to consider the role of Moderator, I was very hesitant and unsure about this decision. I didn't feel fully equipped and I wasn't sure about jumping in during a difficult time as our church was in the midst of our journey of LGBTQ+ inclusion (the pandemic hadn't even entered into this equation as COVID-19 had just started spreading in the US). Looking back, I'm grateful for God's call for me to enter into this role. I feel honored to be a part of a significant step in our church's journey forward to love our LGBTQ+ siblings and God is using this role to grow me in my own faith. I am looking forward to seeing where God takes our church these next few years.

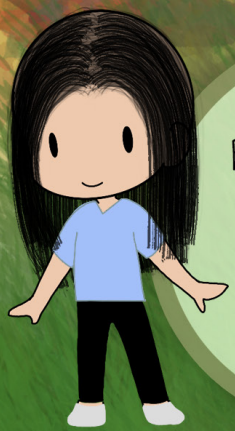
-Mika Walton
Moderator
July 2020-current



God continues to be at work at Evergreen through the unity that we have in Christ. Through worshipping virtually due to the pandemic, we are reminded that we are tied together as a church family by God's amazing grace beyond the four walls of our church. Through our journey in LGBTQ+ inclusion, we have learned that our common bond is our love for our Lord and Savior notwithstanding differences in our sexual orientation and theology. Through distributing food to our community during challenging times, we have acknowledged our common calling to be the instrument of God's love to our neighbors.



-Derek Li
Moderator
2014-June 2020



Annual Report Featured Artist:
Leah Hom

Follow Leah on Instagram:
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Online Worship

525.5K
TOTAL MIN. VIEWED ON YOUTUBE + FACEBOOK
(UP 6,000% FROM 2019!)

177.5K
MINUTES VIEWED

+171
NEW FB FOLLOWERS

344
INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS

MOST VIEWED SERVICES

FACEBOOK: **6,945 MIN. VIEWED**
FAMILY PRACTICE (7/12)

YOUTUBE: **718 VIEWS**
FAMILY EMBRACE (7/5)

MOST REQUESTED SONG: **HANAMO**

PRIME TIMER WORSHIP MOMENTS

11 WORSHIP MOMENT VIDEOS

MOST VIEWED SONG:
"TIS SO SWEET + DWELLING PLACES"



MIDE KOLAWOLE
WORSHIP LEADER

25,806
YOUTUBE VIEWS

+200
NEW SUBSCRIBERS

Community Life

CARE*BEAR*SHARE CAREGIVERS SUPPORT

7-10

ATTENDANCE AT MONTHLY CBS SUPPORT MEETINGS

4 CONGREGATIONAL DRIVE-THRU EVENTS

- JULY 4TH BOBA EVENT
- SUMMER ICE CREAM SOCIAL
- PRIME TIMERS BREAKFAST
- VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

THE OPEN DOOR

6 ON LEADERSHIP TEAM

15-20 ATTENDANCE FOR BI-MONTHLY MEETINGS

2 PASTORAL LEADERS

WEDDINGS

STEVEN NG AND JEANIE UM
MARISSA JONG AND CARLOS DELGADO
MITCH EBBOTT AND ANDI AN

DEDICATIONS

EZRA SUNG-MIN HUANG
ELINOR HAE-RIN HUANG

"2020 HAS BEEN CHALLENGING FOR THE OPEN DOOR WITH THE TRANSITION OF OUR FORMER LEADERSHIP TEAM [DURING THE PANDEMIC]. YET, AS A COMMUNITY, WE WERE ABLE TO FIND CLOSURE, UNDERSTANDING, AND A WAY FORWARD. WITH NEW LEADERS WHO ROSE UP TO SERVE OUR GROUP."

- KENNY UNG
TOD LEADER

TRANSITIONS

IRENE JONG
JACK NAGANO
HIROSHI TANAKA
HIDETO "KIM" UJITA
YUKI IHARA

7 NEWCOMERS AT OUR PANDEMIC NEWCOMERS LUNCH!

1 NEW MEMBER: NINA LUU!

FAMILY AND YOUTH





"WHY DO WE NEED A BREAK FOR [NEW YEARS] SUNDAY? I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY!" - 3RD GRADER

12-15
CHILDRENS' WORSHIP WEEKLY ATTENDANCE (PRESCHOOL-4TH)

4TH GRADE PROMOTION:
CHRISTOPHER LAU
ETHAN LIU
ISABELLA HUBBARD
TRAVIS YOON

CHILDRENS WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:
ANGELA YOUNG
KAI WETTERAU
LEILANI WETTERAU



YOUTH MINISTRY

"EVEN THOUGH WE COULDN'T HOST FULL IN-PERSON ACTIVITIES, WE WERE ABLE TO HAVE DRIVE-THRU EVENTS AND GAME NIGHTS. ON FRIDAYS, WE GOT TO HEAR FROM A VARIETY OF SPEAKERS WHO ADDRESSED DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF SOCIETY AND OUR ROLES IN THEM AS CHRISTIANS. BESIDES FRIDAY NIGHTS, WE ALSO HAD MID-WEEK GAME NIGHTS FOR STUDENTS TO DE-STRESS FROM SCHOOL."

-JUSTIN WU
HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

40
AVG. FRIDAY ATTENDANCE



12-15
AVG. YOUTH GAME NIGHT

PARENT CONNECTION



10
AVG. BI-MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

TOP PARENT CHALLENGES:
- WORKING FROM HOME & HELPING KIDS W/ REMOTE LEARNING
- MENTAL HEALTH FOR CHILDREN & PARENTS
- BALANCING SCREEN TIME W/ REMOTE LEARNING

Missional Giving

$140K
GIVEN FOR OUTREACH
*INCLUDES GEN FUND AND RESTRICTED FUNDS

$25K
HUD FOOD ASSISTANCE AND NUTRITION GRANT TO ROSEMEAD CHURCHES FOOD DISTRIBUTION

3
FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

350
FAMILIES SERVED PER EVENT

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
OCIE TOLSON
LEGACY GRANT FOR MISSIONS & JUSTICE

10,000
FACEMASKS RECEIVED FROM BLESSING PROJECT EAST ASIA MOTHERS GROUP

Financial Summary

13%
INCREASE IN GIVING UNITS (JAN-DEC)

$108K
GENERAL FUND SURPLUS

We had an AMAZING end to 2020 as a church. We went from expecting to end the year in a deficit at Christmas time to actually ending the year with over $100k in surplus. Praise God for such a faithful and generous church family as we continue to navigate these unprecedented times!

- ROBERT CHEN
TREASURER

$1.26M
GENERAL FUND INCOME

40%
INCREASE IN ONLINE GIVING UNITS (JAN-DEC)