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TORONTO CHINESE UNITED CHURCH

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下主日 NEXT SUNDAY			
英文崇拜 上午九時三十分 ENGLISH SERVICE 9:30A.M.			
主禮：李國基	LEADER: Henry Lee		
宣道：劉鎮康	PREACHER: Calin Lau		
音樂：The Talking Donkeys	MUSICIANS: The Talking Donkeys		
讀經：蔡詠忍	READER: Kristen Choi		
司事：許宗彥	USHERS: Chauncey Hui		
招待：司徒永能、方惠儀家庭	HOSTS: Jack & Cathy Seto's family		
中文崇拜 上午十一時 CHINESE SERVICE 11:00A.M.			
主禮：陳應楠	LEADER: Ying Nam Chan		
宣道：劉鎮康	PREACHER: Calin Lau		
司琴：廖琪珍	ORGANIST: Kitty Liu		
傳譯：何韞芳(國語)	TRANSLATOR: Wanda Ho (Mandarin)		
司事：陳廷龍 吳純儀	USHERS: Alan Chan Gloria Ng		
陳永佳 陳孔玉娟	Edwin Chan Janet Chan		
音響：廖永輝	PA SYSTEM: Peter Liu		
簡報：雷朱台蓉	POWERPOINT: Teresa Louie		
點算獻金義工 OFFERING COUNTING VOLUNTEERS			
陳區麗恩 陳頌恩	Amy Chan	Joanne Chan	
戴永楷 戴梁潔玲	Robert Tai	Margaret Tai	

黎嘉燐牧師：每星期一休假

黃布愛玲行政幹事：每星期三休假

黃文助理幹事工作時間：每星期三及四上午十時至下午二時

Rev. Dr. Alan Lai day off: every Monday.

Regina Wong (Administrative Secretary) day off: every Wednesday.

Wendy Huang (Assistant Secretary) Working Hours: 10:00am-2:00pm, Wed. & Thur.

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我們的使命是以耶穌基督為首，  
以上帝無條件的愛為心，  
把教會帶到人群，  
把人群帶到教會。

With Jesus Christ as the Church's foundation,  
and living God's unconditional love,  
we bring the Church to the people and  
we bring the people to the Church.

【本堂使命宣言 TCUC Mission Statement】

聖靈降臨節後第二主日(聖餐主日)

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (COMMUNION SUNDAY)

二零一五年六月七日 JUNE 7, 2015

**ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30AM**

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GATHERING AND PRAISE

*GATHERING MUSIC*

*CALL TO WORSHIP*

How good it is to gather here and hear the word of God.  
How good it is that we can worship with one another.  
How good it is that we can bring the concerns of our lives and our world to God in the prayerful support of this community.

*SONG OF PRAISE:*

“Breathe”

*PRAYER APPROACH*

God who speaks, we want to hear you.  
Guide us in this time of worship to hear your voice.  
Speak to us in the songs, in the Word, in the laughter of children,  
and in the chatting with a new friend. Speak to us,  
God, you children are listening. **Amen.**

*LORD’S PRAYER*

**Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be your name,  
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE*

*(We greet one another in Jesus' name saying "the Peace of God be with you".)*

*SCRIPTURE READING:* Psalm 138:1-8

*(please follow the projection screen)*

*SONG OF PRAISE:* VU #312

“Praise with Joy the World’s Creator”

*(Our offering is received during the song)*

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (please stand)*

**Having heard and been reminded about the good things that these gifts do, we give with generous hearts. Amen.**

*(The young people leave for their groups after the prayer)*

LISTENING TO THE WORD

*SCRIPTURE READING:* 2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1

*(please follow the projection screen)*

*REFLECTION*

“It is Biblical”

*SONG OF PRAISE:* VU#619

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

SENT TO LIVE THE WORD

*Me&S FUND TODAY – MINUTES FOR MISSION*

“The Art of Embrace”

*SONG OF PRAISE:* VU#478

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

*CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION (please see p. 3 – 4)*

*ANNOUNCEMENTS (please see p. 8 – 12)*

*SONG OF PRAISE:*

“Refiner’s Fire”

*DISMISSAL & BLESSING*

Go out into your week with your ability to hear the call of God restored,  
and your ability to be people transforming the world strengthened.  
Go with Spirit as your guide and counsel. **Amen.**

*After the sung “Amen” we take a few moments of quiet*

*We thank everyone who shared their ministries in worship today*

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*LEADER:* JoAnn Wong

*REFLECTION:* Rev. Dr. Alan Lai

*MUSICIANS:* The Talking Donkeys

*READER:* Matthew Lui

*USHERS:* Noelle Tsang

*HOSTS:* Robert & Margaret Tai ’s family

*AV/SANCTUARY:* Matthew Lum/Joanne Chan, Kin Chan,  
Simon Fung/Chauncey Hui/Chris Tsang

*SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:* Cathy Seto/Kristen Choi/Jack Seto

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Celebration of Holy Communion for English Service

*The Great Thanksgiving*

May God be with us.

**God is here among us.**

Let us open our hearts to God.

**We open them to God and to one another.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We gather at this table to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his friends, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Each time you do this, remember me."

That same night, Jesus also took a cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying: "Drink. This cup, poured out for you, is the promise of God. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

We remember Jesus' death and celebrate his resurrection; we await with hope his coming again to bring peace and justice to the earth; and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and what we do here, that we and these gifts, touched by your Spirit, may be signs of life and love to one another, and to the world.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

*Breaking the Bread, Pouring into the Cup, Receiving the Elements*  
The bread of life, broken for you and me.

**Thanks be to God.**

The cup of blessing, poured out for you and me.

**Thanks be to God.**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Now come and eat, for the table is ready.

*(Communion will be served by Intinction. Please come forward to the front station through the centre aisle as you are able. Take a piece of bread and dip it in the juice and say, "Amen" or "Thanks be to God," before eating. Please return to your seat through either side aisle. The musicians and singers will be served first followed by people at the front pew. If you wish to be served in the pew, we will come to you.)*

*Prayers of the People*

*Prayer after Communion:*

**We give you thanks, loving God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## 上午十一時中文崇拜程序 CHINESE WORSHIP SERVICE

主禮：招葉中絢	Leader: Chung Shun Chiu
宣道：黎嘉熾牧師	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Alan Lai
司琴：黃布愛玲	Organist: Regina Wong
傳譯：曾陳侃明(國語)	Translator: Olivia Tsang (Mandarin)
司事及聖餐襄禮：	Ushers & Communion Assistants :
陳應楠 劉黃寶娟	Ying Nam Chan Wendy Lau
林天榮 林伍妙玲	Paul Lam Margaret Lam
音響：廖永輝	PA System: Peter Liu
簡報：蕭仁瀚	Power Point: Alfred Siu

電琴序樂	ORGAN PRELUDE
唱詩第78首	OPENING HYMN #78
「上主之靈歌」	"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"
宣召	CALL TO WORSHIP
著往 (第625首)	INTROIT (#625)
同唱「主在聖殿中」	"The Lord Is in His Holy Temple"
祈禱	PRAYER
主禱文 (第649首)	THE LORD'S PRAYER (#649)
同唱「我們在天上的父」	"Our Father ..."
獻詩	ANTHEM
「如今更愛主」	"My Jesus, I Love Thee" (by James Spilman)
(歌詞請閱大螢幕)	(Lyric on the projection screen)
指揮：梁敏明	Conductor: Timothy Leung
伴奏：黃布愛玲	Accompanist: Regina Wong
問安	PASSING OF THE PEACE
兒童信息	CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
由黎嘉熾牧師主講，信息後 兒童往樓下參加主日學。	Children are dismissed to Sunday School after the message led by Rev. Alan Lai.

啓應文	RESPONSIVE READING
詩篇138:1-8 (舊約第760頁)	Psalms 138:1-8 (NEB p. 735)
讀經	SCRIPTURE READING
哥林多後書4:13-5:1 (新約第251頁)	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (NEB p. 230)
唱詩474首	HYMN #474
「遵旨做工歌」	"Forth In Thy Name, O Lord, I Go"
宣道	SERMON
「合符真道」	"It is Biblical"
榮耀頌	GLORIA PATRI
(歌詞在聖詩封底內頁)	(Hymn book inside back cover)
會務報告	PARISH CONCERNS
奉獻	THE OFFERINGS
(歡迎同道使用插在長椅內的捐封，也供忘記攜帶捐封者。)	(Donation envelopes are available in the pews for Visitors or those who forgot to bring their own assigned one.)
獻禮文 (第644首)	OFFERTORY PRAYER (#644)
「萬物都是從主而來」	"All Things Come of Thee"
唱詩第251首	HYMN #251
「永生之之歌」	"Break Thou the Bread of Life"
聖餐	HOLY COMMUNION
祝福	BENEDICTION
三一頌	DOXOLOGY
(歌詞在聖詩封底內頁)	(Hymn book inside back cover)
唱詩第80首	RECESSIONAL HYMN #80
「靈氣歌」	"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"
電琴殿樂	ORGAN POSTLUDE

後座有即時傳譯設備，譯為國語(撥M字)。如需聽筒或簡體字聖經請向司事長索取。Simultaneous translation into Mandarin (switch to M) is available. Please obtain the headphone or Simplified Chinese Character Bible from the Chief Usher.

### 本主日獻花 DONATIONS FOR SUNDAY FLOWER :

朱壬阜、余彩珍夫婦  
趙柏林、張瑞芳夫婦  
劉治平牧師、高妙玲師母紀念

### 本主日獻刊 DONATIONS FOR SUNDAY BULLETIN :

趙柏林、張瑞芳夫婦  
劉治平牧師、高妙玲師母紀念

### 代禱事項 PRAYER CONCERNS :

1. 請為居住長期護理院／醫院或身體軟弱之弟兄姊妹禱告：  
陳劉錦桃、張趙小蓉、賈王素蘭、趙柏林、蔣星榆、朱三多、黃少彬、許伍美珍、江瑞蓮、梁麥淑勤、巫區煥珍、潘倩、冼黃寶珍、蘇秀橋、譚何順萍、衛簡民慧、和黃鄭珍珠，願上帝賜予健康。

Please pray for those who are in long-term care facilities/hospitals or have health problem: Kam To Chan, Joanne Cheung, Su Lan Chia, Pak Lam Chiu, S.Y. Chiang, William Chu, Shao Bin Huang, Mei Chuen Hui, Shui Lin Kong, Sook Kwan Leung, Woon Jan Moe, Chun Poon, Po Chun Sin, Sau Kiu So, Stella Tam, Katie Wai, and Chun Chu Wong. May God bless their health.

2. 仁慈的上帝，我們不會忘記那些加拿大印第安人寄宿學校的孩子們，他們的眼淚、渴望、孤單和恐懼。創造一切奇妙大功的主啊，我們向你哀聲呼求。我們祈求所有的孩子能再次唱起長久以來隱藏於他們內心的歌曲。賜我們能力去關懷。增強我們的意念去尊重和學習。我們祈求有一天在這個世上再沒有孩子會受到傷害和虐待。

Gracious God, we remember the children of the Indian Residential Schools, their tears, their hunger, their loneliness and their fear. God of all great transformation, in our lament we cry out to you. We pray that all your children may once again sing and dance the songs planted in their hearts since time immemorial. Strengthen our capacity to care. Increase our desire to respect and learn. We pray that one day nowhere on earth children will be harmed and abused.

3. 慈愛的天父，我們為加拿大聯合教會和將於八月八日至十五日在紐芬蘭省Corner Brook市舉行的第42屆總會會議禱告。我們感謝所有總會的領袖和所有為其使命而辛勞的人。願你的靈降臨你的教會，賦予力量給你的領袖們，使他們成為是和平與治癒的使者。讓教會富有遠像和關懷。 Loving Lord, we pray for the United Church of Canada and its 42<sup>nd</sup> General Council in Corner Brook, Newfoundland August 8 to 15. We are grateful for all the Council leaders and for all who labour for her mission. May your Spirit who descend on your church and empower your leaders to be agents of peace and healing. Let the church be imaginative and caring.

### 歡迎 WELCOME :

- ❖ 歡迎您參加本堂的主日崇拜！今天是聖餐主日，凡尋求耶穌基督的愛者都在被邀請之列，一起分享這個聖禮。英文崇拜後在懷熙中心有茶聚，歡迎各位參加。

Welcome to our Sunday Service! We are glad you have come to worship with us today. Today is Communion Sunday. All who seek to love Jesus are invited to share in this sacrament. After 9:30am service please join us for fellowship and refreshment in the T.H. Chan Memorial Hall.

- ❖ 9:30時主日學在5-6室及圖書室授課，11:00時主日學在14-17及20室授課。歡迎2-17歲兒童青少年們參加主日學。

Our Sunday School teachers look forward to learning with you again. 9:30am students will meet in Room 5-6 and in Room 9. 11:00am students will meet in Room 14-17 & 20. Everyone in the ages 2-17 is welcome to attend.

<b>本週聚會與活動 ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK</b>	
今日下午12:15 Today 12:15pm	英文崇拜歌頌小組在正堂練習 Talking Donkeys' rehearsal in the Sanctuary.
今日下午1:30 Today 1:30pm	教會詩班在正堂練習 Church Choir' rehearsal in the Sanctuary.
今日下午2:15 Today 2:15pm	團契健康排舞在運動場進行 Fellowship Line Dance in the gym.
星期三晚上7:30 Wednesday 7:30pm	羽毛球活動在運動場進行 Badminton in the gym.
下主日上午11:30 Next Sunday 11:30am	康體瑜珈活動在一號室進行 Yoga Session in Room 1

## 會務消息 CHURCH NEWS :

### 1. 會議通告 Notice of Meeting

本年度堂會第二次會議將於今主日下午一時三十分在一號室舉行，請各堂委依時出席。議程已張貼在友誼廳報告板上以供察閱。

The TCUC 2015 Church Board is going to meet at 1.30 p.m. in Room 1 today. Agenda for the meeting has been posted in the Fellowship Lounge for information. All Church Board members are reminded to attend.

### 2. 夏日郊遊 Church Outing

本堂將於六月二十日(星期六)上午十時至下午四時舉行夏日郊遊。地點是位於士嘉堡Brimley及Lawrence大街交界處的Thomson紀念公園。請大家在每主日中、英文崇拜後往友誼廳登記。成人每位\$10，中、小學生每位\$5，學齡前兒童免費。這是一個集野餐、遊戲、團契為一體富趣味的戶外活動，歡迎同道邀請親友，踴躍參加。報名截止日期為六月十四日。詳情請向廖琪珍或黃詠園查詢。(與會者將自行開車到達，如果你需要交通或可提供接載服務，請報名時說明。)

A Church Outing will be held on Saturday June 20, 2015 from 10:00am to 4:00pm at Thomson Memorial Park at Brimley and Lawrence, Scarborough (a covered shelter is available). Registration is taking place on Sundays after the completion of the 9:30am service and 11:00am service. Adult: @\$10, Student: (up to Grade 12) @\$5. Free for preschoolers. This will be a fun day outdoors with food and games and good fellowship. Please also invite your family and friends to attend. **The deadline for registration is June 14.** If you would like further information, please contact Kitty Liu or Maria Wong. (Attendees will drive themselves or carpool there. If you require or can give a ride, please indicate during registration.)

### 3. 《靈命日糧》“Our Daily Bread”

2015年6月至8月《靈命日糧》家庭及個人靈修材料之中、英文書籍已放在友誼廳供弟兄姊妹索取。讓我們每天一起閱讀上帝的話語。

Copies of “Our Daily Bread – For Personal and Family Devotions” June to August 2015 are ready for picking up in the Fellowship lounge. Let us spend time each day studying God's word together.

### 4. 中文學校結業禮 Graduation & Closing Ceremony

本堂懷熙中文學校謹定於六月十三日(星期六)上午十時三十分在正堂舉行2014-2015年度中文班結業典禮。恭請黎嘉熾牧師致訓詞，並頒授畢業文憑，列位校董頒發學業成績優異及進步獎。國語班結業典禮於是日下午四時舉行，恭請白理明牧師致訓詞。學生成績展覽將於六月十三(全日)及十四日(主日崇拜後)在懷熙中心展出，敬請光臨指導。

另外，懷熙中文學校2015-2016年度新學年招生已開始，每週六上午九時至下午五時接受新生報名。本堂教友子弟親友及就讀學生之兄弟姊妹均優先取錄。中文部上午班用粵語教學，下午班則辦國語及會話班。數學班分兩時段上課，課程適合日校第一至十二班學生；更特別為十一、十二班學生設新編Advanced Functions, Calculus & Vectors加強課程。欲知詳情，請向葉中絢校長或梁祖欽副校長查詢。

The Cantonese Classes Graduation and Closing Ceremony of our T.H. Chan Memorial Chinese School for academic year 2014-2015 will be held on Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in the Church Sanctuary. Rev. Dr. Alan Lai will address the students, and present certificates to graduates; the Directors of School Board will present awards and prizes to the students. The Closing Ceremony of Mandarin Classes will be held at 4:00pm on the same day and Rev. Dr. Ray Whitehead will address the students. Student works, Essays and Penmanship Competition winners' work will be displayed in the T.H. Chan Memorial Hall until the end of 11am Sunday Service on June 14<sup>th</sup>. You are cordially invited to attend.

Registration for new students for T.H. Chan Memorial Chinese School for academic year 2015-2016 will be taken every Saturday from 9am to 5pm. Preference will be given to children and friends of our congregation. We offer Cantonese classes in the morning and Mandarin classes in the afternoon. Mathematics classes are in “M” & “A” sections with two university preparation classes of Advanced Functions, Calculus & Vectors. For details please contact Chung Shun Chiu, the Principal or Charles Leung, the Vice-principal.

## 5. 黎牧師將訪問中國 The Rev. Dr. Alan Lai's Trip to China

黎嘉燐牧師很高興接受加拿大聯合教會的邀請參加一個官方教會代表團出訪中國。該代表團是應中國基督教協會的邀請，將於本年十一月廿七日至十二月八日訪問上海、蘇州、南京及北京。此次訪問旨在互相學習、共同分享。白理明牧師隨行擔任代表團的顧問。

The Rev. Dr. Alan Lai is pleased to be invited by the United Church of Canada to participate in an official church delegation to China, responding to an invitation to the United Church from The China Christian Council. From November 27 to December 8, 2015, the delegation will visit Shanghai, Suzhou, Nanjing and Beijing. The nature of this trip is about mutual learning and sharing. The Rev. Dr. Ray Whitehead is also going as the consultant to this team.

## 6. 獻花獻刊 Sunday Flower & Sunday Bulletin

本堂歡迎同道兄姊藉著獻花或獻刊以示感恩或紀念。請在衣帽間前之「獻花表」或「獻刊表」上填寫您選定的主日，然後將獻金放入白色特別捐封內，於主日奉獻時投入獻金袋便可。

Our church welcomes parishioners' contributions towards the costs of Sunday flower and bulletin printing. Please choose a Sunday, sign up on the chart, put money into the white special offering envelope with date on it and place it into the offering bag during the service.

### 主懷安息 REST IN PEACE

本堂教友余瑞強弟兄於五月廿五日(星期一)在北約克全科醫院安息主懷。安息禮拜定於六月十三日(星期六)上午九時半在烈治文山愛恩墓園禮堂(1591 Elgin Mills Road East, Richmond Hill)舉行。慰問時間定於六月十二日(星期五)下午四時半至八時半和六月十三日(星期六)上午九時至九時半。願主安慰余瑞強弟兄的家人。

Our brother Mr. Kenneth S. Yee passed away peacefully on Monday May 25, 2015 at North York General Hospital. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 9:30am at the Visitation Centre of Elgin Mills Cemetery (1591 Elgin Mills Road East, Richmond Hill). Visitation is arranged on Friday June 12, 2015 from 4:30pm to 8:30pm and Saturday June 13, 2015 from 9:00am to 9:30am. May God comfort Mr. Yee's family.

## 上主日講章簡述

「華人基督徒學習與原住民同行」（約翰福音3:1-17)

由5月29日至6月3日，是“真相與和解委員會”的閉幕儀式活動週。聯合教會定意要關注並促進這個關係，因為教會過往在“寄宿學校”的參與。作為加拿大聯合教會的成員，我們要承認我們當時也在那裡。我們絕不能對自己說，教會當時使用錯誤的神學觀點來破壞其他人的文化，這件事與我們無關。與此相反，我們願意為加拿大聯合教會的傳統問題站出來。當教會承擔過去的錯誤，願意悔改，我們便與教會一起歡呼喜樂。

“寄宿學校”的建立，目地是要摧毀原住民的傳統文化和語言。要學生脫下傳統衣服，起個聖經的名字，讓他們遠離家園，學習基督教文化。這一切在沒有父母同意之下強迫進行。基督教教育可以變成一個精神虐待的途徑。在當時，他們以宗教教育為名，在沒有經過父母同意之下，綁架孩童。以救恩為名，消滅其它群體。這並不是一般的社會問題，基本上是一個深層的信仰問題。教會的福音使命是一條雙行線。在我們分享信仰故事的同時，我們也需要聆聽他人的信仰故事。我們在世界上的使命必須包括對話，互相學習和尊重。基督徒所敬拜的上帝，是珍惜不同民族的文化。“真相與和解”呼籲基督徒自我反省，走出一個不同的基督教文化，一個尊重對話，尊重不同，並有容許上帝使信徒驚訝的空間。

願三位一體的上帝提供一個學習的模式。就是透過默想這位“三一”的上帝，人可以透過學習互愛，同舟共濟，共同努力，和諧共處，每個人得到應有的平等和尊重。當我們敬拜三位一體的上帝，誰都無法理解，但是透過敬畏這三一神，我們能夠有容納其他人的空間。在上帝三位一體共同生活裡得到自由，平等及尊重。“三一”讓我們想像上帝自己的運作是相互協作，溝通，及多元文化。不是收藏資源，而是透過分享；不是排擠，而是共存。不是建立障礙，而是建立社區。

## LAST SUNDAY'S SERMON SUMMARY

“Chinese Christians Learn to Walk Together with Aboriginal Peoples”  
(John 3:1-17)

From May 29 to June 3, 2015, is the ceremonial Closing Event of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The United Church of Canada is intentional about fostering an amended relationship with aboriginal peoples because of the churches past participation in the Residential Schools. As members of the United Church of Canada, we were there. We cannot just walk away by saying we were not there when the church mistreated others. Because we are willing to stand alongside our religious ancestors, we rejoice greatly with the church when the church denounces past mistakes.

In order to assimilate native people into the dominant colonial European culture, residential schools were set up with the goal to destroy aboriginal culture and languages. Students were stripped of their native clothing, given biblical names, taken them far away from homes, to learn the Christian culture – without the consent of their parents. Christian education could be an abusive instrument. Those were the times when kidnapping children without parental consent was done in the name of education; cultural genocide was done for the sake of salvation. Mission is a two-way street. We can only share our stories of faith if we are genuinely interested in allowing others to tell their stories of faith. Our mission in the world must include dialogue, mutual learning, and respect. The God Christians worship, treasures the plurality of human existence and experience. The Truth and Reconciliation calls for Christians to examine our Christian self-understanding. A day such as today calls Christians to exercise a different Christianity – one that respects dialogue, differences, and has room for God's surprises.

May the triune God provide us an example based on God's own working relationship where people everywhere are united by mutual love, work together in harmonious consensus, and the equality and dignity of each person is respected. As we worship this triune God who is beyond comprehension, we sense with awe that all three of the divine persons defer to each other in love. Their common life is free and equal dignity, mutual collaboration, unity-in-diversity. Instead of withholding resources, they share it; instead of excluding others, they include them; instead of pushing people down, they lift them up; instead of creating barriers, they create community.