

Pastors are called to provide effective leadership to their congregations for church growth and proclamation of the gospel. Pastoring in Australia is an even more challenging experience today than a generation ago. The physical, psychological, emotional, interpersonal and spiritual demands on the pastors are always exceedingly high. Clergy burnout, high stress and loss of focus/direction are commonly experienced by pastors in the course of their ministry. A close relationship of support and encouragement with more experienced pastors can enable pastors and their spouses to serve the church and their communities more effectively on a continuing basis.

In pursuit of its broader harm prevention objectives, FLC establishes and maintains a new “Pastor Renewal Ministry” to support the pastors and their spouses in Australia since 2015.

Objective

To prevent burnout, depression and other harmful behaviours among pastors and the community.

It is anticipated that the pursuit of the above goal will also have the following beneficial, ancillary results:

- renew the ministry and leadership capacities of pastors.
- strengthen the pastors in fulfilling their calling to serve and lead their ministry in reaching out to their communities.

Activities

To provide a free and confidential service to pastors and their spouses by a team of experienced pastors:

- Prayer, support and encouragement.
- Biblical and theological advice or suggestions to deal with ministry issues.
- Problem-solving and conflict resolution skills/strategies in the ministry.
- Necessary referral to appropriate services.
- Support to enhance their spiritual growth.
- Support to enrich their marriage, family and interpersonal relationships.
- Consultation on personal and ministry direction.
- Educational support (including conference, seminar & retreat camp, etc)

Language

Cantonese / Mandarin / English

Fee

Free of charge.

Donation will be appreciated.

(Donation of \$2.00 or over to “First Light Care Fund” is tax-deductible)

Location of Service

At appropriate premises / venues that will protect confidentiality. Will be advised on making an appointment with the team.

語言

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費用

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自由奉獻 (捐款 A\$2 或以上予“First Light Care Fund” 可憑收據申請扣減稅項)

服務地點

合適及保密的場地， 預約時另行通知。



教牧更新事工 Pastors Renewal Ministry

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教牧同工 蒙召作神的僕人，肩負領導教會、傳揚福音和促進教會增長等重任。在澳洲，當代牧者比上一代更具挑戰，教會對牧者要求甚高，無論身心、情緒、人際關係和靈性各方面都務求精益求精。日積月累，神職人員未免疲憊不堪、壓力超標和迷失方向。假若有經驗豐富的牧者從旁鼓勵及同行，定能使在任牧者夫婦更有效地服侍。

為了更全面地秉承「預防勝於治療」的目標，晨光關懷協會於 2015 年創立「教牧更新事工」，以支援澳洲教牧及其配偶。



目標

預防教牧工作透支、抑鬱及其他對牧者及社區有害的行為。同時，更新牧者領導才能，使其更有效地履行召命，帶領教會，深入社群。

活動

由經驗豐富的教牧同工為牧師夫婦提供免費和保密的服務：

- 祈禱、支持和鼓勵。
- 以聖經及神學為基礎，提供處理事工問題的意見。
- 提供解決問題和衝突的策略。
- 轉介服務。
- 支持及提升靈命成長。
- 培育美滿婚姻、家庭和 interpersonal 關係。
- 導引個人及事工方向。
- 教育（包括會議、研討會和退修營等）。

教牧團隊

馮約瑟牧師和馮陳念恩師母（義務創始牧者）

馮約瑟牧師 15 歲時移居澳洲，在雪梨大學修讀機械工程學位時已是一位活躍的基督徒。在新南威爾士大學工作的 13 年間積極參與學生外展活動。後蒙召成為全職牧師，致力向澳籍華人傳福音。他是華澳浸信會（展愛堂和展信堂）的創始牧師。馮牧師是雪梨華人聯合宣道委員會（現在的雪梨華人基督教聯會）的創始成員之一，現任為義務總幹事。此外，還致力與萊德市議會和澳洲中國神學院創立中國新移民社會項目活動，可謂是開路先鋒。

馮陳念恩博士 17 歲時移居澳洲，一直參與教育及事工。最初學習護理，並參與護理教育工作。共完成四個碩士學位，包括神學、教育、醫護行政和輔導。當馮牧師決定參與全職事奉，馮博士亦毅然離開高級講師一職，全力支持丈夫。為了更好裝備自己事奉的崗位，馮博士更努力地完成神學學士、神學碩士和神學教育博士的課程。2010 年至 2018 年，她一直是澳洲華人教牧神學院的兼職講師。目前馮博士是晨光關懷協會高級輔導員，與馮牧師同為摩亞神學院跨文化院牧。

憑藉數十年基督教事工和植堂經驗，馮牧師及馮博士的智慧和洞察力，不僅能幫助各牧師、教會領袖及其配偶建立豐盛的教會，更能助他們培養優秀的領袖和穩健的家庭。

Team of Pastors

Rev Joseph Fung & Dr Nancy Fung (Founding Pastors, pro bono)

Rev Joseph Fung migrated to Australia when he was 15 years old and became an active Christian during his mechanical engineering degree at Sydney University. He worked at University of New South Wales for 13 years. During these years he was active in student outreach, before being called to be a full-time pastor. Joseph's ministry has centred on bringing the gospel to

Chinese-Australians. He was the founding pastor of Chinese and Australian Baptist Church (West Ryde and Thornleigh). Joseph has been one of the founding members of the United Chinese Evangelistic Committee (now SCCCA) from its very beginning, and now the Chief Executive Officer of SCCCA. Joseph has also been involved in pioneering the first Chinese migrant social programs with the Council of the City of Ryde and the Chinese Theological College Australia.

Dr Nancy Fung moved to Australia when she was 17 and has since been very involved in education and ministry. Initially, Nancy studied Nursing and worked in Nursing Education, including completing four master degrees in Theology, Education, Nursing Administration and Counselling. However, following her husband Joseph entering full-time ministry, Nancy felt called to leave her Senior Lecturer position to provide full-time support to Joseph. To better equip herself for her ministries, Nancy completed a Bachelor and a Master of Theology, and a PhD focused on theological education. She has been a part time adjunct lecturer with the Chinese Theological College Australia from 2010 to 2018. Currently, Nancy is a senior counsellor at First Light Care and a cross-cultural chaplain with Joseph at Moore College.

With decades of experience in Christian ministry and church planting, Rev Joseph Fung and Dr Nancy Fung bring wisdom and insight that will help other pastors and church leaders find the support they need as they serve and lead their churches. Having spent decades working together to serve the church and its leaders, they are well-qualified to help pastors, church leaders and their spouses build not only strong churches, but strong leaders and strong families too.

