

REPORT OF THE VIETNAMESE TASK GROUP TO THE CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING, 17 JULY 2014

- Two meetings of the Task Group have occurred since 1 January 2014.
- The incoming Pastor for the Congregation, Rev. Dr Phuoc Dang, shared with the people during the period 14 December to 26 December 2013 for its Christmas celebrations. This gave the Congregation the opportunity to discern his suitability for meeting the Congregation's ministry needs, as well as providing Dr Dang with a feel for the people to whom he would come and minister. There have been three occasions this year during Congregational Meetings, in which a Call to Dr Dang has been affirmed, the most recent with 86% support, and he has now signed the Call documents. His arrival date is delayed due to immigration formalities and the religious worker's visa requirements. The Synod is handling these stages with the government.
- The front foyer has been "refreshed" with a new hardwood floor, and repainting of the steps and doors. Some leveling of the concrete pathway at the foot of the front steps has also been completed. These actions have reduced some of the risk factors pointed out by Mr Peter Rose in his review of our properties earlier this year.
- The Congregation's input into our Profile was updated and endorsed by the Management Committee of the Congregation.
- A strong leadership team has been in place during 2014, and Presbytery has permitted Mr Lanh Van Ho to continue providing ministry and pastoral oversight whilst the congregation awaits the arrival of Dr Dang.
- The Congregation is feeling too crowded in the building. The Task Group has encouraged it to look at constructing a flexible ground level building on the spare block of land which can allow a larger gathering for worship. There is no doubt they could take hold of this idea with some helpful guidance.
- The Congregation undertakes regular outreach at the Inala Shopping Centre. The Task Group is being provided with impressive photographs of this work. A marquee is used and audio-visuals shown as well as brochures in both Vietnamese and English languages are distributed.
- A Congregational Camp was held on the weekend of 5 -7 July at Alexandra Park. These camps are attended by practically the entire congregation of 70 - 80 people, men women and children. The study leader, Rev. Tuyen Nguyen, was flown in from America.
- An appointment of a Risk Assessment Officer is being considered by the Committee of Management. Training will be required.
- Offerings have been maintained and even increased this year.

- Growth in the Friday evening study group has been evident this year, and on Saturday morning, a prayer group of 15 - 20 meets.in the Church.
- The Task Group has been greatly encouraged by the vibrancy and enthusiasm of the Congregation. It has also shown considerable growth, and the Task Group will receive some photographs from Thay Lanh to illustrate this.