



Dear Pastors, Leaders and Co-workers:

Peace and Joy to you all during this Christmas season!!

At this special time of the year, we celebrate the coming of our Savior Christ unto us, announcing Good News and Hope for all people. As I read the Bible during my personal devotion, I reflect on the story of Jesus' birth. I think of God's preparation of this great Salvation. How precious are the spiritual lessons for us Christians, today, to marvel at all who humbly welcomed the glorious King.

We thank the Lord for His blessings throughout 2016 and His guidance among the FACCES family. Among our Fellowship of 27 Alliance Chinese churches in Europe and Surroundings, God's fruit is evident as we witness the steady development in both Gospel outreach and church growth.

And our FACCES family has now extended even wider this year – as FACCES is a member embraced into the larger family of the Chinese Alliance World Fellowship (CAWF http://www.chineseawf.org/ver01/html/news_c.shtml).

I am thankful to serve with the FACCES Committee members who have

dedicated time and effort (via Skype meetings and traveling to Committee meetings), to explore the various needs, challenges and opportunities experienced by our Fellowship's churches. May the Lord guide and bless the work of our hands in Europe and the Surrounding cities.

Presently, FACCES is diligently and eagerly planning the next bi-annual **Pastoral Conference (date & location: October 9-12, 2017, Netherlands)**. Rev/Dr Ka-lun Leung, President of Alliance Bible Seminary of Hong Kong (ABS-HK), has accepted the invitation to be our main conference speaker; and the proposed theme is, "**The Spirit and Tradition of the Alliance**". I sincerely look forward to everyone's presence at the upcoming Conference, as we share among our FACCES Fellowship of Alliance Chinese churches in Europe and Surroundings; and also network and partner to bring the Gospel to the Unreached.

With this Christmas Newsletter, the FACCES Committee reports to you, below, a summary of the exciting praise items and activities among our team of churches during 2016.

Note: The FACCES Website Coordinators continue to welcome everyone to regularly forward church and ministry updates, photos, and praise & prayer items. (Please send to: facces.org@gmail.com)

Wishing you a thriving church and ministry as we take the Gospel everywhere.

Servant in Christ,

Rev. Daniel Nguyen, on behalf of FACCES

Brief News and Activities in 2016

Jan:

FACCES connected Rev. Mark Yu to assist Amsterdam Mandarin Alliance Church (NL).

Jan-March, December:

God has opened the door for Rev. Alvis Tan to serve the Tel Aviv Chinese Alliance church.



29 Feb-3 Mar:

FACCES Committee meeting in Latimer, Chesham (UK).



11-21 Mar:

FACCES visited Alliance churches in French Martinique, Guadeloupe, St. Maarten (Caribbean Region).



16-25 Mar:

Short Term Mission Trip to Senegal (West Africa) by St. Maur Church in Paris (France).



Apr-Aug:

Planning for FACCES Israel-Holy Land Tour (originally scheduled for October 2016; postponed to 2017).

27 Apr-5 May:

FACCES assisted Moscow Chinese Christian Church Gospel Camp (Russia).



29 April:

FACCES congratulated David Chen on the celebration of his ordination in Dubai (UAE).

7 May:

- ✧ "Alpha Training Course", Netherlands (partnering with short term missions team sent by Covenant Alliance Church of Toronto (Canada) and hosted by 3 Alliance Churches in Amsterdam (NL).
- ✧ FACCES attended the Alliance World Fellowship (AWF) EMERALD Regional Missions Conference, The Hague (NL).

13 May:

FACCES attended the Joint Chinese Alliances Prayer Meeting and Fellowship in London (UK).

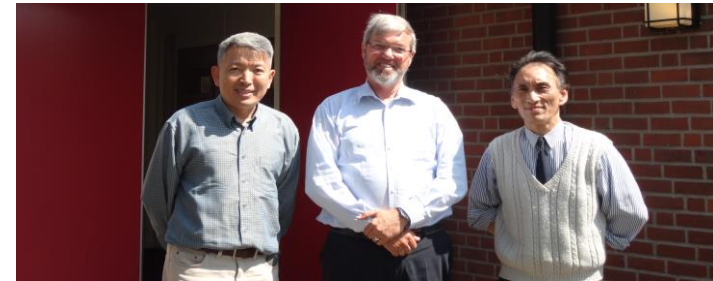


14 May:

"Alpha Training Course" in France (partnering with short term missions team sent by Covenant Alliance Church of Toronto, Canada), and hosted by 4 Alliance Churches in Paris (France).

5 June:

- ✧ 11th Anniversary Celebration of Cambridge Alliance Church (UK).
- ✧ 9th Anniversary Celebration and Church Dedication of Chinese Alliance GHL Church in The Hague (NL).



4-7 July:

Ten representatives from Europe attended the "Rendez-Vous" Youth Missions Conference in Toronto (Canada).



5 July:

FACCES congratulated Rev. Liping Tu for passing the Doctorate dissertation in Theology at Ruhr-Universität Bochum (Germany).

11-17 July:

Summer Camp of Chinese Alliance GHL Church in The Hague (NL).



18-22 July:

Summer Camp of Chinese CAMA Gemeente Het Licht Almere in Almere (NL).



19 Sept:

FACCES visited Rev. Tak Lee, and Rev. Stanley Kwong of Logos Community Church in New York (USA).



24 Sept:

Evangelistic seminar jointly organized by Amsterdam Mandarin Alliance Church and Love Church in Amsterdam (NL).

8 Oct:

FACCES assisted Co-workers Retreat organized by Amsterdam Mandarin Alliance Church (NL).

8 Oct:

Herald Musical Evangelistic Meeting organized by Amsterdam Alliance Yan-Chuen Church (NL).

10-13 Oct:

FACCES attended European Pastoral and Church Leaders Forum in Hamburg (Germany).



23 Oct:

Joint Chinese-French Thanksgiving Service at St. Maur Church of Paris, celebrating the completion of church facility extension (France).

6 Nov:

9th Anniversary Celebration of Chinese CAMA Gemeente Het Licht Almere (NL).

10-13 Nov:

FACCES attended the 2nd Caribbean Chinese Alliance Joint Missions

Conference in Paramaribo (Suriname).



12 Nov:

Ordination Ceremony of Rev. Alexis Chung of North London Alliance Church, and celebrated with the C&MA-GB in London (UK).



28 Nov:

FACCES Committee Meeting at St. Maur Church of Paris (France).



23 Dec:

The Haifa Chinese Alliance Church will participate in the “Festival of Festivals” to share the love of the Messiah by giving out Emmanuel Blessing couplets with Chinese calligraphy (and with Hebrew and Arabic translation), by explaining the true meaning of Christmas.

Objectives of FACCES	Committee of FACCES
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