# GENERA ONS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Dear Students, Parents, Staff, Family and Friends of the Generations Christian Education family of schools,

With the Christmas and New Year holidays approaching, we pray God's peace, hope and love for your families and our Hong Kong community. We take the opportunity to invite you to join us in giving thanks to God for the gift of his presence—Emmanuel, God with us (Matthew 1:23). Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift (2 Corinthians 9:15)!

As we reflect on the closing of this year and decade, the board members of Generations Christian Education invite you to join us in giving thanks to God for his provision and faithfulness! We welcome David Cameron to our board. We also celebrate the superb work of our students and staff across campuses as well as wonderful support of friends and family; we hope you enjoy this update with highlights from 2019!

We wish all a very Merry Christmas and a blessed and healthy New Year from our Generations Christian Education family.

Blessings,

Esther Chung and Terri Appel

Co-Chairs on behalf of the Generations Christian Education Board

### Board Update December 2019



Generations Board L-R: David Cameron, Camellia Chan, Esther Chung, Sonia Lee, Terri Appel, Philip Pang (not pictured: Ricky Szeto, Rebecca Lau, Beau Crawford









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### Island Christian Academy Accreditation

This year we celebrated along with the Island Christian Academy community as they achieved their accreditation with the Council of International Schools, and renewal of accreditation with the International Primary Curriculum. In an Asia-first achievement, they undertook both accreditation processes concurrently. We acknowledge the extraordinary work that the whole IslandCA team has put into these processes, supported by Generations Christian Education, and particularly thank school Principal Jon Keelty for leading the IslandCA community through this dual accreditation.



So the next generation would know God, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they will put their trust in God and will not forget his deeds but will keep his commands. (Psalm 78:6-7)

### Campus Upgrades

Plenty of work has gone into our campuses in 2019, including:

- Small World have renovated the outdoor area at the rear of the campus, which now incorporates a beautiful garden with raised planters for the children to tend, with sections of artificial turf and rubber play surface on the ground.

- IslandCA have installed new learning equipment including interactive panel displays, student furniture, and storage facilities.
- NIS Primary has a new set of SNUG play equipment, which our students love to creatively build and reconfigure!
- Small World's playground will be renewed in the Christmas holidays with new 3D surface and play equipment.
- NIS Primary's library building has been repainted and waterproofed, and is looking bright and lively once again!
- NIS Kindergarten held a community tree planting day, continuing to reforest the beautiful campus grounds.
- IslandCA has added one new classroom, and converted a part of the hall into a flexible music room.

- NIS Kindergarten has upgraded the outdoor areas, including walkways and stairs, to enhance safety and to maintain a beautiful outdoor environment.









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### NIS Primary and Small World Pre-Accreditation

NIS Primary and Small World both recently completed pre-accreditation with Fieldwork Education for the International Primary Curriculum (NIS Primary) and International Early Years Curriculum (Small World). Both schools received positive and valuable feedback as they prepare for accreditation, both in celebrating their strengths and identifying areas for continued development. Staff at both schools are putting in great efforts to show how their implementation of these curricula is truly demonstrating excellence and rigour in students' daily learning.

#### Generations Christian Education's mission is...

- To educate the whole child in a nurturing, vibrant and international community.
- To cultivate individuals of character, compassion, courage and competence.
- To inspire the next generations to be a global people of Christian faith, a people serving others.



#### Welcome to new board member David Cameron

We extend a warm welcome to David Cameron, who joined the Board of Directors this past October. David, a lawyer in private practice and originally from the US, has lived in Hong Kong for 11 years now together with his wife Jing. David has been a member of the Generations community for over five years starting with his daughter Dagny, who was followed by Annette and with Baby Doug eagerly waiting in the wings to join as soon as he is old enough!

