



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

A Newsletter for MCS Foundation Members
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Thank You Note and a Christmas Message from the Chairperson

I would like to thank all those who supported me to continue to be the Chairperson of the Foundation for the coming year. It takes a lot of courage, endurance and energy to be in this driver seat. Hence, without the support of the Foundation as a whole and you, our efforts and initiatives will not be of any meaning, leave alone success.

2016 has been a very rewarding year for the Council. We have achieved objectives set forth earlier in terms of collaboration and setting strategic directions which, hopefully, will take our School to reach newer heights.

The successful Relay For Love (12 March) organized at the Kowloon Tsai sports ground, is an inauguration and fund raising event for the sports fund of the Maryknoll educational trust jointly organised with the Trust and the FSA. Over HKD 1 million was raised for the Sports Fund. However, the meaning behind the event is much more than the amount we raised. As always, it is the active participation and collaboration of the Maryknoll family that count. The success of Relay for Love demonstrates the joint effort of all Maryknoll family members and clear evidence of the Maryknoll spirit. We know that if we work towards a good cause, we are confident that the Maryknoll family members will always be there for us!

Our Task Force led by Doris Kwan together with 7 members, including, the Supervisors and the Deputy Supervisors of both Sections was formed to review and to set out the overall directions for the future development of the School. After nearly one year of hard work and dedicated efforts, which included meetings with Principals and key teachers and, also, researches conducted in over 90 school reports, research articles, journals and books, 4 Strategic Focuses were identified and concretised that, hopefully, will take our School forward. They are:

To Serve Home, the Country and the World

To Pursue Excellence

To Realize Full Potential

To be Forward Looking

(N.B. Please refer to Newsletter (September Issue) for details.)



Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year!



These 4 Strategic Focuses are not something new but “core values “of Maryknoll which were developed and based on our Vision and Mission (<http://foundation.mcs.hk/>). They are important values that will make our School unique amongst the top performing schools in Hong Kong.

To facilitate parents of the Primary and Secondary sessions to have a better understanding of the Foundation as the School Sponsoring Body (SSB), together with Doris, I have attended the AGM of the PTA of both sessions to explain about the 4 Strategic focuses and the different roles and responsibilities of the Foundation and IMC. Our sharing was well received. We have planned to conduct more sharing with parents in the future because parents are one of our key stakeholders group in the Maryknoll family.

Further, we talked a lot about forward looking of the School, the students and our teachers. As the SSB, the Foundation has to embrace the notion of being forward looking. Succession planning is critical to any organization and it is a long term consideration. In this connection, I am happy to report that there is a lot of new blood in our Communications and Membership Committees. In one of our Council meetings earlier this year, we decided that succession planning will be one of our key projects going forward. Succession planning is not just about finding the right candidate to succeed a particular post, be it a Councillor or an IMC manager, it is about ensuring that Maryknollers will be more engaged and better understand the Foundation so that more of you will join and serve the School. This will be a project led by the Membership (currently headed by Ms. Belinda Leung) and Communications Committees (currently co-headed by Ms. Bonnie Chan and Ms. Pinny Yip).

If you are interested to serve the School in any way, please do not hesitate to come forward and contact us by email at foundation@mcs.hk.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Barbara Hung
Chairperson, MCS Foundation



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A Christmas Message from Sister Jeanne Houlihan



Dear Maryknollers,

Is the world worse today than yesteryear? Sometimes it may seem that way but a reading of the Old Testament finds Syria in serious trouble just like today. The difference is in the planes, tanks, guns and ammunition, which means more people killed, homeless, abandoned. Power and greed were dominant and still are. The promise of the Messiah would bring justice and peace. This is the HOPE and I BELIEVE. Why? Everywhere you see small groups gathering to bring about justice and peace.

2016 was a record year of Maryknollers visiting from Canada, Hong Kong and the United States for the GALA. Generosity and loyalty are still shining forces of our former students. The singing of our school song at the GALA made we realize how avant garde the words were and still remain important for today. "To carry truth to home, country and the world". Certainly I witnessed this in many words and deeds at our first GALA. Needless to say our Alums made this a success.

A few thoughts about your former teachers: Sister Corinne is fair and will celebrate her 100th birthday in 2017. She sometimes joins the former students in singing the school song; Marie Ann Lipetzky at 93 meets the newspaper deliveries at 5 a.m. Her voice remains golden as she is a member of the choir. She is No. 1 in reworking the masculine nouns for God (who is not masculine); Ann Carol Brielmaier is not stopped by her walker. She travels everywhere and participates in all events at the Center; Mary Lou Tuefel will be 94 and has good days and less good days; Teresa Leung has the best up-to-date file on email and home addresses, phone numbers and latest information; Joanna Chan was one of four chosen by NYC to honor persons who have made contributions to the city. I really like her quotation. "For a community leader, the fondest dream is perhaps not to see the final success of making it in America, but to look beyond the seeming differences that divide individuals." She was the only woman and the only honoree still living. If you are coming to NYC I hope you will visit the museum. It is completely digitized. And, if you are coming to NY I hope you visit me at Maryknoll. We do have rooms available for guests if you let us know in advance. Nancy Tong from Toronto and Vivian Ng from Albany, NY visited in the first week of December.

I chose the star for this letter because it symbolizes for me the ever-present God in all of life. A significant part of being at Maryknoll is being spiritually in process twenty-four/seven. "The evolutionary view of Christ reveals Christ as intimately present to salvation or to God beyond, not only one's religion, but outside of religion, through art, science, love of nature, great generosity and service to other people. God adjusts: "God's self" to each of the creatures whose natures he created." (Thomas Keating: God is Love)

May I wish each of you the BLESSINGS of Christmas and Joy-filled New Year!

Love and prayers,

Sister Jeanne Houlihan



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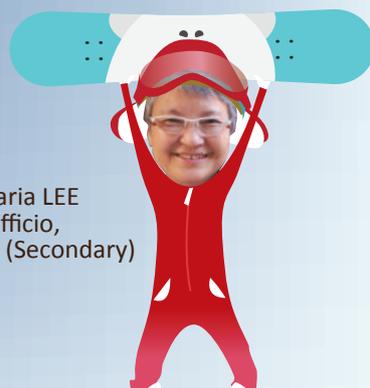


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MCS Foundation AGM 2016

The Conference Room in the Maryknoll Secondary Section was a busy hive of activity as this year's AGM kicked off with food and a souvenirs sale. Tummies full of delicious snacks and bags full of Maryknoll goodies, the excited chatter of those present - schoolgirls once again in the company of so many Maryknollers - gradually subsided as Honorary Secretary Miranda Poon called the meeting to order for Maggie Chau to lead the opening prayer. As usual, the school song was sung with much gusto, before Chairperson Barbara Hung delivered the Chairperson's report.



This year, Barbara noted, was a very rewarding year for the Foundation. One of the highlights was the first ever fund-raising event for the MCS Educational Trust Sports Fund - Relay For Love (RFL). You would have already read the Special Report on RFL earlier this year, but Barbara shared some interesting statistics: we had over 700 runners, from age 6 to 80, including students from P1 to F5, alumnae who have just left the school to graduates from the 1950s - plus all their families and friends! More than 80 volunteers (including current and former students from different generations) helped out with the event, and what was particularly worth noting was, the over one million dollars raised did not just come from a few major donors: the money came from over 1,000 donors with donations ranging from a few dollars to tens of thousands of dollars! The success of RFL certainly went beyond the funds raised - it also highlighted the extensive participation and collaboration of the Maryknoll family!



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Another highlight of the year, Barbara noted, was, of course, the Four Strategic Focuses. The Foundation's September 2016 Newsletter already has all the details, but just to recap, the Council set up a Task Force last year to identify how we could best equip Maryknoll girls to meet the challenges of the 21st century. One year on, extensive research and numerous discussions and meetings with all relevant stakeholders have culminated in the Four Strategic Focuses – Serve Home, Country, World; Pursue Excellence; Realize Full Potential, and Be Forward-Looking - which will serve as guiding principles in taking our school forward. These focuses were shared with all teachers and staff from both the Primary and Secondary sections at an unprecedented sharing session in July 2016. Going forward, the Foundation will continue to ensure the effective development and implementation of the Four Strategic Focuses by the IMCs.

For a complete copy of Barbara's Chairperson's Report, please refer to the Foundation's website: http://foundation.mcs.hk/index.php?option=com_docman&Itemid=356

After Chairperson Barbara had summed up the Foundation's work during the year, we elected and appointed some new faces (as well as reappointing some old ones) to carry on the good work into 2017 (see below for details).



In keeping with recent tradition, after concluding the formal AGM business, all attention turned to Mrs Helen Yu (Primary Section Supervisor) and Dr Maria Lee (Secondary Section Supervisor) for the final highlight of the day, as Helen and Maria told us about how the school and our girls had been doing during the past year. Helen and Maria's obvious energy and enthusiasm was infectious, and spilled over into the informal conversations after the meeting as people chatted about what they had just heard. And, as we contemplated what the year ahead might bring, all that talking made some of us hungry so we did our best to finish off what little remained of the delicious snacks!



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Elections and Appointments at AGM 2016:

- Election of one Executive Member by Members from among the Ordinary Members: Antoinette Lee
- Election of one Councillor by Executive Members from among the Executive Members: Irene Li
- Re-appointment and appointment of two Councillors: Maura Wong and Miranda Poon
- Re-appointment of nine Executive Members who were appointed in 2013: Doris Au, Cindy Chu, Amy Ho, Barbara Hung, Gloria Ko, Maria Lee, Petrina Louey, Amanda Yik and Helen Yu
- Appointment of Auditors: Chan Wong Chung & Company

2016 Executive Members

Year in F5

Executive Member

1984	Cindy Chu
1959	Gloria Ko
1979	Amy Ho
1963	Doris Au
1965	Nancy Fok
1966	Shelley Lee
1978	Mary Law
1980	Wanda Tong
1982	Melody Funk
1983	June Lo
Sr	Sr. Marya Zaborowski
1985	Francine Kwong
1984	Ronna Chao
1990	Joanne Yow
1987	Patti Chan
1972	Kenzie Lau
1999	Benita Chick
1971	Catherine Lam
1962	Betty Kwan
1968	Marigold Lau
1964	Eleanor Lee
1994	Wendy Lee
1970	Nancy Lui
1969	Linda Tsui
1968	Brenda Ku
1989	Elaine Sum
1997	Jacqueline Chu
1994	Amanda Yik
1989	Petrina Louey
1972	Pamela Tan

1995	Maggie Chong
2004	Eva Choi
1981	Christina Chan
1988	Antoinette Lee

Year in F5 Councillor

1960	Helen Yu
1967	Maria Lee
Sr	Sr Marilu Limgenco
1983	Maura Wong
1984	Ophelia Ngan
1961	Dorothy Chan
1984	Pinny Yip
1985	Maggie Chau
1974	Belinda Leung
1980	Doris Kwan
1970	Isabelle Young
1992	Miranda Poon
1974	Irene Li
1984	Bonnie Chan
1975	Barbara Hung

Year in F5 Honorary Advisor

FP	Lydia Huang
Sr	Sr. Jeanne Houlihan
FP	Aloysius Lee

Year in F5 Honor Roll

FP	Hilda Kan
FP	Teresa Chow

(Note: The names above are set out in the order of the date the Alumna was elected as the Executive Member.)

