

HONG KONG CATHOLIC LAY MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

(2005 TO 2006)

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Background

1983

The Hong Kong Catholic Church sent two lay missionaries, Miss Jessica Ho and Miss Elizabeth Woo, to Tanzania, Africa through the Maryknoll Lay Missionary Program.

1985

These two lay missionaries returned to Hong Kong. Through the efforts of Miss Jessica Ho, who shared her mission experience, there was a growing awareness and interest in responding to the call to mission by some young adults. The Maryknoll Lay Missionary Program encouraged Miss Ho to establish a local association to facilitate sending Hong Kong lay missionaries to other local churches.

1986

Miss Ho invited a group of lay people, missionary sisters and priests to form a planning committee to help in establishing the Hong Kong Catholic Lay Missionary Association.

1987

Bishop John B. Wu approved the establishment of a Lay Missionary Association in Hong Kong.

1988

The Association was incorporated in Hong Kong under the Companies Ordinance as a charitable organization. At present, we are the only Catholic Lay Missionary Association in Hong Kong facilitating mission abroad.

1990

From 1990, 10 lay missionaries had been sent to Africa and Asia. 4 of them are still in mission.

Missionaries	Years of Service	Mission Countries
Cecilia HO	(1990-1993)	Zimbabwe
Rose WAN	(1994-1996)	Mauritius
Michelle CHEUNG	(1994-1996)	Mauritius
Imelda LAM	(1994-1997)	Kenya
Eunice LO	(1994-1997)	Kenya
Rose YIP	(1996-2001)	Cambodia
Lucia WONG	(1996-)	Cambodia
Stephanie CHAN	(2000-)	Cambodia, Kenya
Wendy LUI	(2004-)	Cambodia
Cissy YIM	(2006-)	Cambodia

Aims

1. To respond to the call for full and active involvement in the Church's life and mission as lay people serving in other local churches.
2. To respond to the needs of the poor and the margined, collaborating with them and helping them to recognize their worth and dignity and their God-given potential.
3. To help the people to whom they are sent to become self-reliant and missionary themselves.

Special Activities

1. To recruit and help people prepare for service in areas of needs in other local churches.
2. To help applicants discern whether an overseas lay missionary assignment is the right step for them.
3. To provide the applicants with an orientation to missionary service through formation in theology, ecclesiology, mission spirituality, mission area study, global awareness of social and economic issue and health care etc.
4. To make contact with mission areas seeking the service of lay missionaries, and to facilitate the lay missionary's choice of work and location.
5. To keep in contact with returned lay missionaries, helping them to readjust to, and share their mission experience with the local church.

Personnel: Executive Committee, Advisors and Members

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President	:	Ms. Eunice Lo
Vice-President	:	Ms. Jessica Ho
Secretary	:	Ms. Dominic Lau
Treasurer	:	Mr.. Joshua Au-Yeung
Formation	:	Ms. Salome Lau
Publicity	:	Mr. Catherine Wong

ADVISORS:

Rev. Dominic Chan, Vicar General	Rev. Jack Sullivan, M.M
Rev. Sean O’Cearbhallain, S.J.	Rev. Giovanni Giampietro, P.I.M.E.
Rev. John Cioppa, M.M.	Rev. Renzo Milanese, P.I.M.E.
Sr. Michelle Reynolds, M.M.	Sr. Ophelia Lui, S.P.C.
Mr. Benjamin Yu, Barrister-at-law	

LAY MISSIONARIES IN MISSION:

Ms. Lucia Wong	(from 1996)
Ms. Stephanie Chan	(from 2000)
Ms. Wendy Lui	(from 2004)
Ms. Cissy Yim	(from 2006)

ANNUAL REPORT

1. LAST ANNUAL GERNERAL MEETING



The 17th Annual General Meeting

The 17th annual general meeting was held at St. John the Baptist Church, Kwun Tong on October 9, 2005. The following motions were passed in the meeting: confirmation of the minutes of the sixteenth annual general meeting, confirmation of the annual report (2004-2005), and the appointment of Messes Lim Lai Mei, Certified Public Accountant as the auditor of the Hong

Kong Catholic Lay Missionary Association. After the Annual General Meeting, there were talk on “The Body of Christ and Evangelization” by Rev. Giovanni, Giampietro, PIME, sharing by Ms. Wendy Lui, our lay missionary, and sharing by those who joined the exposure trips to Myanmar in the summer 2005.

2. CONTACT WITH OVERSEAS MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

2.1. Ms. Eunice Lo explored missionary opportunities with the following persons:

- Sr. Denise Coghlan, RSM
Director, Jesuit Service Cambodia
- Bishop Kike Figaredo, SJ
Bishop, Diocese of Battambang, Cambodia
- Rev. Gerald Vogin, MEP
Parish Priest, Kompong Cham, Cambodia
- Rev. Mariano Ponzinibbi, PIME
Country Representative, New Humanity, Cambodia
- Mr. Herve Roqueplan
Executive Director, New Humanity, Cambodia
- Rev. Ashley Evans, SJ
Jesuit Service Cambodia
- Sr. Luise Ahrens, Maryknoll Sisters
Coordinator of English Support Unit of Royal University of Phnom Penh

2.2. Apart from discussing missionary opportunity, Ms. Eunice Lo and Archbishop Matthias

U Shwe agreed that exposure trip to Myanmar be organized again in the summer 2006.

- 2.3. Ms. Eunice Lo also exchanged views and experiences with Rev. Matthew Carpenter, Director of New China Link.
- 2.4. To follow up the arrangements for the four lay missionaries, Ms. Eunice Lo kept in contact with the coordinators/representatives of their receiving communities:
 - Sr. Denise Coghlan, Director of Jesuit Service Cambodia
 - Mrs. Jenny Go, Jesuit Education Conference of East Asia & Oceania
 - Rev. Terry Charlton, the National Chaplain of Christian Life Community Kenya
 - Mr. Vigisa Humphrey, Christian Life Community Kenya

3. LAY MISSIONARIES IN MISSION

- 3.1. Ms. Lucia Wong started her missionary service in 1996. She works with the Jesuit Educational Conference - East Asia and Oceania and has been teaching English in a school since September 2004. She returned to Hong Kong to help as a facilitator in Asian Youth Day in July and August, 2006.
- 3.2. Ms. Stephanie Chan was first sent to Cambodia in 2000. Then she has been serving in Kenya since July 2004. She teaches Christian Religion Education and English as well as does pastoral work in St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School established by Christian Life Community Kenya and Hands of Love in Kibera (the largest slum in Nairobi, Kenya).

Apart from school work, she volunteers to help as a catechism teacher every Sunday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. She also studies in the Maryknoll Institute of African Studies of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota/USA and Tangaza College in Nairobi. She has been awarded the Certificate of African Studies. She will be awarded the Diploma of African Studies after completing of the fifth course.

In late July 2006, Ms. Stephanie Chan led three of her students to join the Asian Youth Day as observers. They, Fr. Paul and some Tanzanian youth also had a sharing with Hong Kong Catholics at St. John the Baptist Church, Kwun Tong during their stay in Hong Kong.



Ms. Stephanie Chan and her students in AYD Opening Ceremony

- 3.3. Ms. Wendy Lui was sent to Cambodia as a lay missionary in June 2004. She worked as the Assistant Director of the Catholic Church Student Centre in Phnom Penh and helped in refugee camps managed by the Jesuit Refugee Service.

She, with the assistance of Ms. Rose Yip (ex-lay missionary) and Ms. Cissy Yim, had received a group of students from Wah Yan College, Hong Kong and a HKCLMA member that visited missionaries and the services of Catholic Church in Cambodia. She and Fr. Enrico Fidanza, PIME, the Director of the Catholic Church Student Centre, also led their students to join the Asian Youth Day in Hong Kong.

She has renewed her agreement for 2 years in September 2006. After having further study in Khmer for 2 months, she will serve in Banteay Prieb, a handicapped school that is run by the Jesuits. She will participate in outreach work in the village and care of the girls in the school.

- 3.4. Ms. Cissy Yim was sent to Cambodia as Lay Missionary in March 2006 to work with the Jesuit Service Cambodia (JSC) and take up the responsibility of finance and accountancy. While adapting herself in a new living environment, she has been working in the JSC's Finance Office in Phnom Penh in the past six months.



Cardinal Joseph Zen sent Ms. Cissy Yim to Cambodia.

4. WORKS ON ENCHANCING MISSION AWARENESS

4.1. Formation Series: the Passion of Missionaries

This year's series of formation programs was titled "The Passion of Missionaries." It included 4 formation days and 2 exposure trips. The details were as follows:

Date	Topic of Formation	Guest Speaker	Venue
26/2	Faith & Passion (2 Timothy Chapter 1)	Rev. Giovanni Giampietro, PIME	St. Peter Church, Aberdeen
23/4	Passion & Freedom (2 Timothy Chapter 2)		St. John the Baptist Church, Kwun Tong
25/6	The Challenge to Passion (2 Timothy Chapter 3)		St. Paul Retreat House, Causeway Bay
8/10	Where does the Heart Go? (2 Timothy Chapter 4)	Rev. Giovanni Giampietro, PIME and Members of Exposure Trip to Myanmar	Resurrection Church, Kwun Tong
Date	Exposure Trips		
13/4-22/4	Exposure Trip to Cambodia		
22/7-6/8	Exposure Trip to Myanmar		

4.1.1. Formation Day

There were about 30 participants in the each of the formation days. Referring to the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy, Rev. Giovanni Giampietro, PIME, shared that missionaries not only were strong in faith cognitively but also emotionally passionate in God and with people.



Rev. Giovanni Giampietro

4.1.2. Exposure Trips

4.1.2.1. Exposure Trip to Cambodia

It was the first time that the exposure trip to Cambodia was organized during Easter. Though the participants might experience the celebration of Easter and Khmer New Year with Cambodians, only 2 Catholics enrolled and one of them could finally go. It was evaluated that devoted Catholics might be too busy in helping with the liturgy or being godparents in the parishes during the Easter.

4.1.2.2. Exposure Trip to Myanmar



4 participants: Maria, Lawrence, Elaine and Teresa



Zetamans learnt using thermometer to take care of the sick.

Four Catholics joined the second exposure trip to Myanmar. They conducted a refreshment course for the Zetamans. It covered child psychology, English, health/hygiene, Bible/prayer and computer knowledge. Apart from working together, the participants shared and prayed in the trip. They appreciated their cooperation and friendship.

4.2. Sharing

The Association welcomed and accepted invitation to share missionary experiences with the following groups so as to promote mission awareness:



Ms. Wendy Lui at St. Jude Church

Date	Inviting Parish/Group/Person	Target	Speaker
02/04/2006	a Youth Group in SS Cosmas & Damian Parish	youth	Ms. Eunice Lo
06/05/2006	St. Margaret's Church	parishioners	Ms. Eunice Lo
02/07/2006	Asian Youth Day IV Hong Kong Participants Formation Camp	AYD participants	Ms. Lucia Wong
06/08/2006	St. John the Baptist Church, Kwun Tong	Catholics	Ms. Stephanie Chan
21/08/2006	Hong Kong Catholic Nurses' Guild	nurses	Ms. Wendy Lui
23/08/2006	St. Margaret's Church	catechists	Ms. Wendy Lui
27/08/2006	St. Jude Church	Catholics	Ms. Wendy Lui

4.3. News Reports and Articles on Kung Kao Pao (The Hong Kong Catholic Newspaper).

Lay missionaries were sent by the Bishop and supported by Hong Kong Catholic Church. They shared their news and missionary experiences with Hong Kong Catholics by sending articles to or being interviewed by Kung Kao Pao.

4.3.1. News report

Date	No. of Issue	Topic	Report on/ Interview
16/10/2005	3217	HKCLMA Annual General Meeting	HKCLMA
16/10/2005	3217	Evangelization is Like Peeling Onion – Wisdom is found in Hardship	Ms. Wendy Lui
05/03/2006	3237	A New Lay Missionary, Ms. Cissy Yim Serves in Cambodia	Ms. Cissy Yim
13/08/2006	3260	Dream of Joining AYD Has Become True with the Support of Parish	Ms. Stephanie Chan
13/08/2006	3260	Wendy Lui, a Lay Missionary, Sows AYD seeds for Youth	Ms. Wendy Lui

4.3.2. Articles

Date	No. of Issue	Topic	Author
12/03/2006	3238	“Youth, Hope of Asian Families” is the Theme of Asian Youth Day of this Year	Ms. Wendy Lui
20/08/2006	3261	My Days in Cambodia	Ms. Wendy Lui

4.4. Publication of the Newsletter

The Association published 1 issue of newsletter this year. The main contents were as follows:

Issue	Main Contents
Issue No.1 2006	Cissy Yim, "Clean & Unclean." Report on the Exposure Trip to Myanmar

4.5. Website (www.hkclma.org.hk)

The contents of our web site had been continuously enriched and updated.

5. THANKS FOR SUPPORT AND DONATION

The Association was very grateful to the following persons and organizations for their support and assistance:

- Cardinal Joseph Zen for his support especially his presiding the sending ceremony of Ms. Cissy Yim and meeting with our lay missionaries
- The advisors for their continuous support and valuable advice
- Special thanks to Rev. Dominic Chan, Rev. John Cioppa, Rev. Giovanni Giampietro, Rev. Renzo Milanese, and Sr. Michelle Reynolds who have helped in the formation of candidates for lay missionaries, to Rev. Giovanni Giampietro for being guest speaker in our formation days, to Sr. Ophelia Lui who arranged a room for the formation day in June 2006, to Rev. Sean O' Cearbhallain who regularly had mass with special intention for our Association, and to Rev. Dominic Chan who sent a donation and helped us to get some funding, and Mr. Benjamin Yu for his advice on the agreement between lay missionary and the Association.
- Rev. Peter Choy for his assistance in the formation of the candidates for lay missionaries
- Sr. Susanna Yeung for giving spiritual direction to the candidates
- St. Peter Parish, Aberdeen, for the cooperation in the sending ceremony of Ms. Cissy Yim and lending the hall for the formation day in March 2006
- Resurrection Parish for lending rooms for the Association to hold Executive Committee meetings
- Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres for lending room in the Causeway Bay Retreat House for the formation day in June 2006
- St. John the Baptist Church for lending room for the last Annual General Meeting and granting fund to support Ms. Stephanie's study in African culture and religion
- The organizations/parish/schools for inviting the Association's members to share missionary work and spirit – St. Margaret's Church, St. Jude Church, the

Youth Group in SS Cosmas & Damian Parish, Asian Youth Day IV Hong Kong
Participants Formation Camp, and Hong Kong Catholic Nurses' Guild

- Ms. Lam Lai Mei for helping as the volunteer auditor of the Association
- Mr. John the Baptist Lee for improving the design of and updating the website of the Association
- The donors for their generous donation

CHOI Fook Kan	Rev. Dominic CHAN
CHOI Pak Ling	YUEN MeeYin, Mary
WONG Florence	The Little Flower's Catholic Primary School
LEUNG Tak Kei	Trappist Monastery
TSUI Pui Pui	Sisters Announcers of the Lord
POON Peter	Cathedral of Immaculate Conception
HO Wai Foon, Lana	LIU Chun Chau Simon
CHEUNG Pauline	WONG Yin Bun Terence & THE Yuni Indrawati
AU Lai Chun	愈龔阿寶
CHAN Tak Hong	李亦偉
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KO Alice	張美玉
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PANG Chan Sheung Rosa	互勵會
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NG Siu Yin	黎建標
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LEE Wai Choi	

6. PLAN FOR THE COMING YEAR

- Maintain close contact with the Hong Kong Diocese
- Organize formation activities
- Arrange exposure trips
- Share missionary experience with local church
- Recruit suitable Catholics to be lay missionaries
- Arrange formation programs for those who want to be lay missionaries
- Support the Hong Kong lay missionaries in mission
- Liaise with different missions
- Keep in contact with the missionary groups of other countries
- Continue to develop the Association's website and other means of publicity