



Tokyo Central City Ministry

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‘Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have Commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20)

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Tokyo Center Church(TCC) just started !

Thank you very much for your prayers and support for the Tokyo Central City Ministry. Finally, weekly worship has started since the first week of last December. We named our new church “Tokyo Center Church”. In the ‘center’ of Tokyo (we are based in Chuo (=central) Ward), we will pursue the balance between listening and practicing of the Word, the tradition and the innovation, and accepting and challenging. Rather than using the city to enlarge the church, we will use the resources of the church to serve the city, encouraging the people there to live the gospel everywhere, especially at work. Please pray for Pastor Shimomura, as he preaches every Sunday. Pastor Shimomura performed magics at Christmas celebration!



Many young adults are coming to TCC gatherings!

There are many young people who live alone away from their parents in central Tokyo. We value fellowship with them. Some of the pictures below were taken when we made gyoza and ate together after a service. We always share our comments on the sermon and pray for each other after every service. We would like to encourage those young people who are in the midst of conflicts at work and are anxious about their future. Please pray for the weekday ministries as well (listed below).



Bible Study & fellowship

- ・『Evening Prayer Meeting on every Wednesday』 19:00~21:00 @Ginza
- ・『Morning Prayer Meeting on every Friday』 6:30~7:30 @Tsukishima Mac
- ・『Monjya-yaki Fellowship on 22nd every month』 19:00~21:00 @Tsukisima
- ・『Evening Reading Circle on every other Tuesday』 [Every Good Endeavor by Tim Keller] 19:00~21:00 @Harumi

Prayer Request

- In order to start formal weekly service from April.2020, we require for new core members to commit to our ministry.
- We are seeking for people who are interested in hearing the gospel. Please introduce your friends by email.
To akiyashimomura328@gmail.com
- Please pray for the health and the relationship with the Lord of Pastor Akiya & his wife Hatae.

God provided TCC a worship place in Ginza !



Since last summer, we have been searching for a place to worship around Chuo-ward in Tokyo. However, we got rejected many times due to its high cost, and noise and sound issues because we want to worship the Lord with music and instruments. We felt like being Joseph and Mary who had been around to ask for a place to stay but being rejected countless times. But the Lord has prepared us the best place in the end. The building in the photo is a public wedding reception hall, which is relatively inexpensive and no worry about sounding issues. This is the best place we can ask for! At the first glance, it looked impregnable, just like the walls of Jericho. However, we prayed to the Lord our sincere desire to worship at this place. There happened to be one person in charge who was interested in what we are doing, and he told us we can probably make reservations if it was at night times. Initially, we hoped to host our worship service in the morning for we put focus on sharing



the gospel with young families, but once we surrendered our specific “desires”, the Lord opened this place for us miraculously. When we listened and obeyed to the Lord's method, we witnessed His plan moving forward. We worshiped the Lord for the first time at this new location on January 12th at 18:30. Until April, we will be worshipping the Lord at this place and at our home alternatively. Please pray that we can continuously use this place without any obstacles.

Financial support

US\$75,000 is needed in the fiscal year 2020, including rental fee for the service space. Please pray for all the needs to be met. If you would like to support us as a church or an individual, please proceed the transaction as per following bank account information.

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Japanese Calligraphy

This picture is a calligraphy of a Bible verse below. A sister in church has wrote it and gave it to us. We hang it on the wall in our house. We would like to be ambitious in Christ in 2020. Please continue to pray for us and support us!

“for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good Purpose.”
(Philippians 2:13)

