

# Generations Christian Education Board Update



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## A New Year & A New Name

Welcome to 2011...the year of growth!

This year has started out on a high note for us as we are pleased to announce Generations Christian Education (GenerationsCE), the new name for the governing organization of Small World Christian Kindergarten (Small World) and Norwegian International School (NIS Kindergarten and Primary Levels). GenerationsCE continues to be formally recognized as a non-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Department of Hong Kong.

During this past year, the Board has set out plans for strategic growth in accordance with the vision and mission for the schools. We have experienced God's faithfulness throughout our many years of collective operation and are committed to reach towards the vision He has given us for Christian education in Hong Kong.



### Our Vision

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 not forget His deeds but keep His commands.

Psalm 78:6-7

### Our Motto

Loving for Today  
Learning for Tomorrow  
Living for Eternity

### Our Mission

We are dedicated to cultivating individuals of character, compassion, courage and competence, by inspiring our students to pursue academic excellence within an engaged, diverse and nurturing community, creating a global people of Christian faith, a people serving others.

# Meet the GenerationsCE Board

The Board has continued to expand and grow in order to better serve the learning communities at Small World and NIS. It is a blessing to witness how God has given each member of the GenerationsCE Board unique gifts, talents and experience. The Board is committed to passionately and prayerfully serving the GenerationsCE, Small World and NIS community. It also desires to establish Island Christian Academy, a primary school to meet the need for Christian education on Hong Kong Island.



## Sonia Lee

Sonia is trained as a corporate and finance attorney and is admitted to practice law in the States of New York and California. She received her BA from the University of Pennsylvania and her JD from Georgetown University Law Center. Sonia worked in private law firms in New York City, San Francisco and Tokyo for 8 years before joining the legal department as in-house counsel in a U.S. company's office in Tokyo and worked there for over 5 years. She moved back to Hong Kong after being gone for almost 25 years with her family in December 2008 and has been working part time as a legal consultant since arriving in Hong Kong. She also serves on the executive committee governing The Child Development Center. Sonia is active at Island ECC Church and is one of the facilitators for the moms' Bible study at the church. Sonia is married to Jong and their two children currently attend Small World Christian Kindergarten.

## Pam Cherry

Pam's professional career spans almost 20 years in regional marketing, brand management and licensing. She graduated with a BS in Business Management and her previous employers include Levi Strauss Asia Pacific, MTV Asia and DFS Duty Free Shops. She has enjoyed working in the corporate world but considers her current role as CEO (Chief Everything Officer) of the Cherry household as her most fulfilling yet. Born in the Philippines, Pam's early years were spent in the US and Iran. She also has fond memories of life in Singapore where she was based for 10 years prior to moving to Hong Kong in 2005. She is an active member of Union Church where she helps with the Children's Ministry. Pam has been blessed with a loving family which includes husband Ronnie, and two daughters including a Small World alumna and a future Small World student.



## Esther Chung

Esther has a background in education, having taught in local and international institutions, at the primary and tertiary levels. Born and raised in the USA, she earned her teaching license at Wellesley College and her Masters in International Education at Harvard University. Esther has been an active member of Island ECC, having facilitated Bible studies for mothers and established Family Foundations, a program which encourages and equips parents to nurture the spiritual development of their own children. Her family recently helped to plant Watermark Community Church in October 2010. Esther is married to Paul and they have two children who are blessed to be a part of the Small World Christian Kindergarten community. They have resided in Hong Kong for over 13 years and consider it home.



## **Marian Gaultney**

Marian is trained as a banker and began her finance career with Bank of America. She worked for them for 5 years before moving to London in 1988 where she became a partner in a boutique investment advisory firm. She opened a Zurich office for the firm in 1994 before starting her own consultancy business in 1997. She subsequently lived again in London and then in Germany before moving to Hong Kong in 2009 with her husband and three children. Her husband serves as the Senior Pastor at Community Church Hong Kong where Marian helps spearhead the Children's Ministry program.

## **Jacqueline Ronan**

Jacqueline Quitugua Ronan is the Director of Children's Ministry for Island ECC. She manages and directs Christian education activities serving over 300 children with over 80 teacher volunteers during regular Sunday services. Prior to this, Jacquie was the General Manager of KGTF TV12- Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation. She has produced, directed, written and/or hosted a variety of TV programs on Guam for 9 years, including the production of a Japanese/English visitors program on the "The Visitor's Channel" which aired on the local Marianas Cablevision cable television. Jacquie holds a Bachelors of Business Administration Degree from the University of Guam with a major in Marketing and minors in Psychology and Management. She is married to Jeffrey R. Ronan and they have one daughter. The family now reside in Hong Kong.



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# **Planning for Growth**

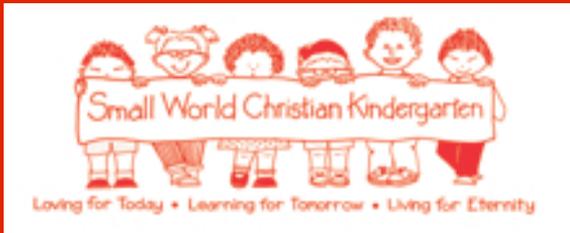
Providing Christian education across Hong Kong remains a high priority for GenerationsCE. To this end, GenerationsCE has recently established a Development Office in order to effectively plan for the expansion of its current schools and the planting of new Christian schools.



## **Terri Appel**

Terri Appel joined GenerationsCE as Director of Business Development in January 2011. She is also still listed as the Principal Consultant of Sourcing Solutions, a consulting practice focused on organizational design, evaluation and business development. She arrived in Hong Kong in 1997 from New York City where she worked in the health care sector with a variety of for-profits and not for profits organizations, including St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center, Metropolitan Health Plan and the City of New York. Terri's last position before relocating to Hong Kong was with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, as a Program Officer. Her professional focal areas include program research, development and evaluation; contract management; strategic evaluation and planning; operational administration and troubleshooting.

Terri has her undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College and her Master's in Public Health from Columbia University. She is an active member of Union Church Hong Kong, where she is a Deacon, head of the Prayer Ministry and leader of a small group in her home. She is also active as a volunteer with a number of local mission organizations and sits on the Board of Advisors for International Care Ministries. Terri is married to Nick and they have two children who are alumni of Small World. They have resided in Hong Kong for over 13 years.



Small World Christian Kindergarten celebrated its 25th birthday this month. We thank God for this school which has touched so many lives throughout the years.

A school wide Birthday Party was held on January 14th and a Small World Christian Kindergarten 25th Anniversary Gala Celebration has been planned for March 31st, 2011 in honor of this milestone.



Norwegian  
International School

The Norwegian International School which currently offers playgroup, kindergarten and primary classes across two campuses in Tai Po, will focus on developing these programs under the scope of its strategic plans for the coming years. Enhancing the learning of students and addressing the needs of staff will be our top priority. With a vision to become a through-train school, NIS has begun an investigation into sustainable school models and the possibility of establishing a secondary section.

