

New Elder at Island ECC

Elder Confirmation Process

New elders at Island ECC are appointed by the existing elders as vacancies occur or as the need arises (Acts 14:23, Titus 1:5). Each nominated elder is confirmed by the church as follows:

The presentation of board-nominated elders will be made to the church during a Sunday service. Following a period of two weeks, which allows for prayerful consideration and the opportunity for members to provide feedback to the elders, the members shall indicate their willingness to follow the leadership of the nominated elders

(Hebrews 13:17). If an elder is determined to be biblically unqualified to serve, the nomination shall be set aside.

The church leadership desires to officially confirm this new elder and we now seek your prayerful consideration, in line with the elder confirmation process.

The time frame is as follows:

June 22/ Presentation of Elder candidate

June 22 - July 5 / Period of prayer and examination

July 6 / Confirmation of new Elder

If you have questions, please email elders@islandecc.hk



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Elder Qualifications

To qualify as an elder of Island ECC, the prospective elder must adhere to the following qualifications:

1. Faith in and a personal relationship with God through His Son, Jesus Christ, deepened through studying the Bible and applying what he learns into everyday life.
2. Belief that God is the hope of the world and that His local church is the best means of bringing that hope to the lost by introducing them to Jesus Christ.
3. Belief in our mission that Island ECC is called to reach Hong Kong for Christ by living and speaking the Gospel of Jesus Christ, trusting God to transform lives, deepen our faith, and use us to impact Hong Kong and beyond.
4. Adherence to Biblical standards. The prospective elder shall be known to be:
 - Temperate and self-controlled (1 Timothy 3:2, Titus 1:8)
 - Respectable and above reproach (1 Timothy 3:2)
 - Hospitable (1 Timothy 3:2, Titus 1:8)
 - Able to teach (1 Timothy 3:2)
 - Not indulging in much wine, nor given to drunkenness (1 Timothy 3:3 & 3:8, Titus 1:7)
 - Not violent, but gentle (1 Timothy 3:3, Titus 1:7)
 - Not a lover of money (1 Timothy 3:3, 1 Peter 5:2)
 - An able household manager, with obeying and respectful children (1 Timothy 3:4 & 3:12)
 - Not a recent convert (1 Timothy 3:6)
 - Reputable with outsiders (1 Timothy 3:7)
 - Sincere, not pursuing dishonest gain (1 Timothy 3:8)
 - Keeping hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience (1 Timothy 3:9)
 - Tested (1 Timothy 3:10)
 - Husband of one wife who is respectable, temperate and trustworthy (1 Timothy 3:2 & 3:11, Titus 1:6)
 - Blameless, not overbearing or quick tempered (Titus 1:6 & 1:7)
 - A lover of what is good, upright, holy and disciplined (Titus 1:8)
 - Sufficiently knowledgeable of Scripture as to refute those who oppose it (Titus 1:9)
 - Eager to serve (1 Peter 5:2)
 - An example to the flock, not lording over those entrusted to him (1 Peter 5:3)
5. A regular attendee of Island ECC for at least one year, which immediately precedes his nomination as an elder.

Island ECC Elder Candidate

Michael Lau

Mike and his wife Kat, along with their three children have called Island ECC their home church since 2011. Mike and Kat are originally from Canada, but have called Hong Kong home since 2008. The Lau family has been a part of the same care group at Island ECC for over a decade, and consider their care group their “family” in Hong Kong. Mike has been serving at Island ECC in different capacities since joining, having led on the worship team for many years, and also serving as a Bold Faith Ambassador together with Kat. Mike became a Christian at a very young age and in his teenage years felt God’s calling on him to move to Hong Kong and serve in primarily the marketplace ministry. Professionally, Mike has been involved in a variety of roles across finance and tech. On the side, Mike loves hanging out with family and friends, music, and playing basketball.

