

ABUNDANT grace, the companion always  
LIFE journey heavenly, five decades  
Temple, built upon the Cornerstone  
Together, ascending with praising songs

Stepping into the new year 2024, our church is entering its 50th year of existence. Since the founding of the church by Pastor Watson Soong (宋華忠), Brother George Louie (雷佐治) and a few other families, Long Island Abundant Life Church has taken an ascending path. Although it is a narrow and difficult road, under God's protection and leadership, the church is moving upward. Hundreds of brothers and sisters have embarked on this life-changing pilgrimage with gratitude and godliness, growing spiritually through the search for truth, strengthening their faith, and spreading the gospel.

As we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Church, let's review the mission foundation, ministry structure, and core values of the church over the past 50 years.

The name of Long Island Abundant Life Church is from John 10:10b:

*"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."*

Our church's mission statement: *Knowing God and Making Him Known.*

Our church's ministry is divided into five areas:

Worship  
Discipleship  
Ambassadorship  
Fellowship  
Stewardship

Our core values:

1. We value an intimate relationship with God
2. We value visionary leadership with a servant's heart
3. We value wholistic family life and witness
4. We value the services, needs and testimonies of our seniors
5. We value our younger generation
6. We value genuine Christian fellowship in truth and love
7. We value stewardship and humble services
8. We value mission/evangelism and caring for our community

The 50-year history of a local church is just a drop in the ocean, both from a historical perspective and the perspective of the kingdom of God. But this drop of water still reflects God's grace, glory, and mercy. Over the past 50 years, about a dozen pastors have shepherded, cultivated, even few fallen, and persevered on this small pasture. Hundreds of co-workers have labored, been burdened, been disappointed, cried and rejoiced for this family; many brothers and sisters have been moved, touched, rebuked, and renewed by God here. God has even called and sent committed disciples to bear testimonies.

If you have ever walked with us on this upward journey or you are currently on this pilgrimage with us, we sincerely invite you to share your reflections and insights with us. Let us give glory to our God together!

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