Community resource worker annual report - 2020

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2020 was a challenging year. Most of our community programs were cancelled because of the Pandemic. I was mainly working from home for a couple of months to support our people, both the community clients and 2pm worship group, through phone calls and social media.

To assist with our community outreach, I had phone interviews with our community clients and other stakeholders and then prepared the paper "From eVision onward – Outreach to develop a Chinese Community Plan of Eastwood 2020" for the Church Council.

I prepared and monitored the online Chinese service for 2pm worship group on every Sunday during the lockdown.

After the July meeting of the Umbrella Group, I continued working from home. I assisted the 2pm worship group especially dealing with a few very difficult pastoral care issues. I had weekly meetings with Nicholas, Marion and Esther to discuss matters arising from my ministries. I assisted in the development of the Chuandao Volunteer Agreement for Esther Shih.

I contacted a professional bi-lingual supervisor John Cotter to be the supervisor for Esther Shih and myself (separately) until the end of the year.

Through the Safe Transition workshop organised by Sydney Alliance, I asked the church council to endorse the Safe Transition Project, about Domestic and Family Violence in the Ryde-Hunters Hill area.

In addition, I joined the Macquarie University Chaplaincy Committee in September. This was an opportunity to start conversations with Rev John Dacey (Macquarie University Chaplain) about outreach in Macquarie University.

Our future community outreach programs will require a COVIDsafe plan in place for each program. More time will also be needed for people from the wider community to rebuild their confidence to be back with us.