

Town Hall Meeting Q & A

Q: What is the seating capacity of the sanctuary and the gymnasium respectively?

A:

- **Sanctuary:** 622
Gymnasium: 400
 - That said, the **optimal seating capacity** for worship services—taking into account sightlines, comfort, and functionality—is approximately **450–500** for the sanctuary and **240–280** for the gymnasium.
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Q: What has been the average in-person attendance of the Cantonese, Mandarin, and English congregations over the past 10 years?

A:

Figures below represent average in-person attendance. "ED" includes joint YLD services.

Year	CD (Morning)	CD (Noon)	MD	ED
2015	104	463	196	270
2016	112	463	201	246
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2018	129	444	197	199
2019	132	432	207	191
2020	124	395	155	143
2021	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2022	N/A	226	92	93
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2024	N/A	365	186	129

Q: Why did an idea for swapping worship venues come up?

A:

After the pandemic, each language congregation had its own pace of recovery and growth. Praise the Lord! The Mandarin congregation has shown continuous numerical growth over the past few years. Even though the optimal seating capacity for the Gymnasium has not yet been met, it would be prudent for the church to take a proactive approach to provide the optimal setting for future growth.

At the same time, the English leadership team responded to this development positively and saw it as an opportunity for the English congregation to use the Gymnasium as a consolidated venue for worship, fellowship, and relationship building.

Q: Does any language congregation have exclusive use of a worship venue permanently on Sunday mornings?

A:

No. The Committee of Pastors and Deacons (CPD) regularly evaluates the ministry landscape and makes adjustments as needed to best support the growth and needs of the entire church body.

Q: What are the criteria used to determine Sunday building usage?

A:

The CPD considers multiple factors, including but not limited to:

- Average attendance trends for each congregation
 - Suitability of each venue for specific congregational needs
 - Parking availability
 - Sunday School arrangements
 - Youth and Children's Ministry logistics
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Q: When two congregations use the sanctuary for worship services consecutively on Sundays, how much time is needed in between?

A:

A **minimum of 30 minutes** is needed between services. In the past, the English congregation has been punctual in finishing their services before 10:45 a.m., which gives the Cantonese congregation sufficient time to prepare and set up their system.

Q: Aside from a venue swap, will the CPD consider other options?

A:

Absolutely. The CPD is exploring a variety of solutions such as different worship times, multiple services, use of overflow spaces, and even church planting—all with the goal of providing the best environment for church-wide growth and ministry.

Q: Why has the recommendation for swapping worship venues taken so long?

A:

The CPD recognizes that many congregants have deep attachments to their current worship spaces. To honor these sentiments and gather input, the English leadership team initiated a Town Hall specifically for the English congregation in October 2024. A second Town Hall for all congregations has been scheduled by the CPD on April 12, 2025, to further solicit feedback and address concerns across the board.

Additionally, each congregation has specific requirements for their worship venue—such as audio-visual equipment and stage setup. The church is committed to ensuring that these needs will be met before any venue swap takes place, should the decision move forward.

Q: Does a venue swap require a church-wide membership vote?

A:

No. The CPD is entrusted with the oversight of all spiritual ministries, which includes decisions regarding the use of church facilities.

交流會 - 問與答

問：大禮堂和運動室的座位容納人數分別是多少？

答：

- 大禮堂：622
 - 運動室：400
 - 話雖如此，考慮到崇拜時會眾的視線、舒適度和場地的功能性，大禮堂的最佳座位容納人數約為 **450-500**，而運動室的最佳座位容納人數約為 **240-280**。
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問：過去十年來，粵語、國語和英語堂的平均實體出席人數分別是多少？

答：以下為各堂的平均實體出席人數。（註：英語堂的數字包含與青少年堂聯合崇拜的人數。）

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問：對調崇拜場地的構想是如何產生的？

答：

疫情過後，各語言堂都按着不同的步伐恢復與成長。感謝主！國語堂在過去幾年持續增長，儘管目前人數尚未達到運動室的最佳座位容納人數，但教會有見增長趨勢，主動為事工的未來發展預備最佳場地環境，未雨綢繆。

與此同時，英語堂領導團隊對此發展持積極態度，並認為這是一個良好機會，將運動室建立為英語堂一個崇拜、團契和關係建立的綜合場地。

問：目前，有沒有任何一個語言堂在主日早上永久專用某個特定崇拜場地的安排？

答：

沒有。教牧執事會會定期評估各事工的發展狀況，並根據需要作出調整，以最佳方式支持教會整體的成長並滿足有關需求。

問：主日場地使用之分配是依據哪些標準而決定的？

答：教牧執事會會考慮多個因素，包括(但不限於)下列要點：

- 各語言堂平均出席人數趨勢
 - 個別場地對特定語言堂需求的適用性
 - 停車位供應情況
 - 主日學安排
 - 青少年及兒童事工的運作流程
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問：當兩個語言堂在主日連續使用大禮堂進行崇拜時，中間需要多長的轉場時間？

答：

至少需要 **30 分鐘** 的轉場時間。過去，英語堂的崇拜都能準時於上午 10:45 前結束；這就讓粵語堂有足夠時間準備並調試音響系統。

問：除場地對調外，教牧執事會會考慮其他方案嗎？

答：

當然會。教牧執事會正在探索多種解決方案，例如：調整崇拜時段、增設多場崇拜、啓用分流場地，甚至考慮植堂計劃——所有方案都以實現教會整體增長和事工發展提供最佳環境為目標。

問：就崇拜場地對調這建議，已商議了頗長一段時間，為什麼？

答：

教牧執事會理解許多會眾對現行慣用的崇拜場地懷有深厚感情；為了尊重會眾這些情感並收集他們的意見，英語堂領導團隊已於 2024 年 10 月特別為英語堂舉行了交流會。另外，

教牧執事會還定於 2025 年 4 月 12 日再次舉行一個全教會的交流會，進一步收集會眾的意見並全面回應大家對這建議的關切。

此外，每個語言堂對崇拜場地都有特定需求，例如影音設備和舞台設置。教會承諾，若對調方案最終獲通過，必先確保在實施場地對調前，有關需求得到滿足。

問：場地對調是否需要經過全體會友投票表決？

答：

不需要。教牧執事會受託監督所有屬靈事工，其中包括有關教會場地使用的決策。