

# Baptist Union of Great Britain

## Hong Kong Response Project

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**Sharon Shek writes:**

## RELATIONSHIP



‘Relationship’ is our theme in 2022! We plan to have different events to build up relationships with our HK-welcoming churches - such as virtual meetings to share experiences from some churches of welcoming Hong Kongers, and ideas of activities and events for churches to build up relationships with

Hong Kongers. Meanwhile, practising English is such an important task for Hong Kongers to help them to integrate into the local culture; we will suggest some events, such as language cafés for churches. We would also like to start some integration groups (WhatsApp groups for connection) to help with integration, and recruit some volunteers for the events.

Eating is an important cultural way to build up relationships in Hong Kong. One of the names of Hong Kong is ‘Food Paradise’. There are delicious nationals’ restaurants in Hong Kong, such as Japanese, Korean, Italian, Taiwan, Thai, Indian... I could say you can eat what you want! When Hong Kongers come to the UK, of course, they miss Hong Kong or Chinese food. But most of the Hong Kongers miss the Japanese food. Some of them order sushi or sashimi online. They like eating together and sharing the meal when it’s festival time. Easter is coming. We encourage you to invite them to come over, eat and share together. Build up friendship in eating!



## Good news



An article about the situation of Hong Kong migrant Christians in the UK has been translated into English. It is titled '**Challenges brought to the British church by the mass migration of Hongkongers**' and is written by the Revd Chi-Wai Wu, who was a Hong Kong pastor and director of an organisation which helped the development of healthy Hong Kong churches. You could download to read this [article from the Revd Chi-Wai Wu](#) . (Picture: Two pastors from Hong Kong. Chi-Wai Wu (left) and Walter Wong (Right))

The Revd Chi-Wai Wu also invited prayer for a 'Hong Kong Fellowship' in Bristol. Bristol is one of the cities in the UK where many Hong Kong families settled. Minister, Walter Wong, is among the first few families who started joining the local church at Broadmead Baptist Church. He organised and initiated the 'Hong Kong Fellowship' at the church. 20 February 2022 marked the first fellowship gathering and the Revd Chi-Wai Wu was invited to lead the opening prayer. Everyone shared their stories and the reasons for leaving Hong Kong. Walter preached an encouraging message about 'Exodus - Wilderness or Promised Land'. May more Baptist churches welcome Hong Kong Christians and start Hong Kong ministries like Broadmead Baptist Church. (Picture: Bristol Broadmead Baptist Church - 1<sup>st</sup> gathering of the Hong Kong fellowship)



## Please pray!

1. Needs of Hong Kongers: The anxiety about the situation of Covid and the possibility of lockdown in Hong Kong.
2. Pray for connection between the churches and Hong Kongers. Pray for wisdom and love.

## Next Step

1. Get more information and resources from our new website [The Baptist Union of Great Britain: Baptists Together Hong Kong Response](#)
2. Invite Sharon Shek to preach or share about the project in your church. Please contact at [sshek@baptist.org.uk](mailto:sshek@baptist.org.uk)
3. Recruit volunteers. Is there someone willing to volunteer for an English café, to be host of a WhatsApp group or integration groups? Please contact Sharon Shek on [sshek@baptist.org.uk](mailto:sshek@baptist.org.uk) for more information.
4. Churches which have registered as Hong Kong Welcoming Baptist Churches will be given a link to download the virtual banner from our website to state that they welcome Hong Kongers and people from all over the world. Or you can purchase a real one to hang outside your church from the CPO website: [cpo.org.uk/hong-kong-welcome](http://cpo.org.uk/hong-kong-welcome)

