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## Lord's Grace Christian Church

“Forty” in the Bible seems to indicate some sort of testing. For instance, the Israelites wandered around the wilderness for 40 years and then were led to come to Canaan. Jesus, after fasting for 40 days, was led to be tempted by Satan.

Thank God for leading Lord's Grace Christian Church for 40 years. No doubt we have been through some testing and trials. We do pray that God will bring us to “Canaan”—a promised land of greater vision for His glory.

Lord's Grace Church was established in 1973 in Palo Alto. Over the years we have seen God's hands guiding our church.

Around 1996, our church's name was changed to Lord's Grace Christian Church and our church has moved to its current address in Mountain View since 1999.

2013 marks the 40th year of our church's ministry in the Bay Area. If the Lord is willing, LGCC will continue serving people in our neighborhood in the name of Christ. Under the slogan “Planting LGCC churches at home and abroad”, we pray that God will open doors for our church to plant a daughter church in the Bay Area by 2015 as well as help the Chinese Christian Church in Belize in

their Cantonese ministry in the near future.

Throughout 2013, we will celebrate our church's 40th Anniversary in different months of the year. For instance, we will invite Dr. In-Sing Leung to speak to the Cantonese and Mandarin Congregations on culture and evangelism during February 22-24. We will also invite some former Pastors to share with us throughout the year.

The main celebration event will be held on November 23 and 24, 2013. We will have time for counting the Lord's blessings as well as a banquet at Dynasty Seafood Restaurant.

# MOVING 4 FORWARD

In Lord's Grace Christian Church Mission Statement, we can find 3 active verbs and sentences as following: 1. To teach people to know God through the Bible; 2. To transform people into committed and passionate followers of Christ; 3. To testify to the good news of Jesus Christ as it is lived out in our lives to people of every generation from Silicon Valley to the ends of the earth.

For the past several years, our church's themes and emphases have been very much on the first and third sentences of our Mission Statement. For 2013 the Pastoral and Ministerial staffs unanimously voted to have “Be Transformed” as our church's theme.

2013 will be LGCC's 40th Anniversary. We plea with brothers and sisters of LGCC with the passion of the Apostle Paul recorded in the first two verses of Romans 12, “to offer (our) bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—that is (our) spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of (our) mind. Then (we) will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.”

In order to renew our minds according to the Bible, the Pastors will preach from the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7 during the first several months of 2013. We will also launch the “Lord's Grace Academy” on alternating Sunday afternoons. In the Academy we will teach about the 6 core courses and also some other ministry training classes for a church planting project. Discerning God's will for our church planting vision, we will hold several prayer and vision casting meetings for consultation and decision making.

