

## 2023 Chairperson's Message

**Chairperson: Dr Frederick Leung** 

CanCare Centre is a not-for-profit organisation that provides care and support for cancer patients and their carers in the Chinese community.

Its mission is to reach out to its clients with Christ's love and to care for them emotionally, socially, physically and spiritually.

To our CanCare Supporters & Partners

Together we serve our Lord through spreading His Love & giving selflessly

Before writing this year's message, I was curious to read what I wrote some 10 years ago about the CanCare ministry - its development and services delivered to our target communities. I was both thankful and joyous to reminisce what we did then, what we aimed to achieve, and how much we have traveled over the years. CanCare has indeed had great blessings through God's spirit at work in our ministry.

Some 10 years ago, we appointed our first employee, Rev Dr Jackie Chan to be our CEO to lead the organisation forward; we purchased our office in North Strathfield where we could have a stable base to meet with clients, hold meetings and training workshops at regular basis; we were running three Support Groups then in Westmead, Auburn and Rockdale; we ambitiously hosted our first musical event; and our care and support training programs were being formulated with a more structured approach. Every member within CanCare has been working tirelessly with strength, resilience and determination to provide the care, love and support our cancer sufferers and their carers deserve. Our Lord has walked the journey with us and filled our work with wholeness and holiness.

Our services have expanded while some of the approaches adopted during Covid restriction times such as delivering selected training programs on-line and using social media platforms to reach out to our clients have been retained. We will continue to learn to improve and grow our services, as what CanCare has been doing for the past 16 years. Our Support Group meetings are now conducted in six Sydney based locations, we provide care and support to clients both face to face, and over the telephone locally and overseas, we partner with different organisations and churches that share the same vision, our Social Media team continuously innovate and produce contents through drama, music, videos, radio and educational programs to cater to different client groups and needs, and our walking groups have never been short of participants who eagerly look forward to each of the activity carefully planned out for them.

This message only scratches the surface of what services CanCare have busily developed and delivered over the past year. I would encourage you to read the annual report produced by Rev Dr Jackie Chan to get a more detailed view of our work and ministry.

On behalf of the CanCare team, I would like to thank those of you who continuously assist, pray and donate to support our work. May the grace of God be upon you and your family every day.