

# The “Good News Network”: A Case Study of Urban Mission

(An abstract)

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This paper is a case study of urban mission, examining the emergence of a Hong Kong community-based Christian group called the “Good News Network.” The district of Greater Tsuen Wan nurtures a strong culture for church network that could be dated back for four decades. Churches and para-church organizations in the district come together to form the “Good News Network,” whose chief function is to foster corporate witness within the community. This paper examines the network in the light of ten different paradigms of urban mission, namely, evangelism and proclamation, ecumenical witness, community service, incarnational presence, community development, cultural mandate, contemplative ministry, structural transformation, spiritual warfare, and diaspora mission. The network under study demonstrates an integrated model of evangelism and proclamation, ecumenical witness, community service, and spiritual warfare. Churches within the network utilize the corporate effort to boost local mission awareness for the congregation. The network becomes a pioneer coalition in Hong Kong that promotes inter-denominational co-operation between traditional evangelical and newly established

charismatic churches. The network's emphases on corporate prayer and worship, as well as service to the grass-root population, would hopefully bring Hong Kong churches to a new level of communal transformation.