

## Opening Speech for 2014 AGM

Text: 1 Corinthians 12:14-26

The story I read about in Our Daily Bread of a conductor who was rehearsing his orchestra. The organ was giving a beautiful melody, the drums were thundering, the trumpets were blaring, and the violins were singing beautifully. But the conductor noticed something missing—the piccolo. The piccolo player had gotten distracted and hoped his instrument wouldn't be missed. The conductor reminded him: "Each one of us is necessary."

This was essentially the same message Paul communicated to the Corinthian believers in his first letter to them (12:4-7). Every Christian plays an important role in the body of Christ. Paul gave a list of gifts of the Spirit and compared their use to the functioning of the various parts of the human body for the good of the whole (vv.8-10). The Corinthian believers may have had different cultural backgrounds, gifts, and personalities, but they were filled with the same Spirit and belonged to the same body of Christ. Paul made special mention of the parts of the body that were weak and obscure, and taught that all believers play a necessary and significant role. No one part was more necessary than any other.

Remember, Jesus has given you a significant part to play and will use you to build up His people.

The church, a living body, containing all the parts—  
It lives, it moves, it functions, and touches many hearts;  
When each part is committed to do the Saviour's will,  
His members are united, His purpose they fulfil. —Fitzhugh ODB 2012  
As a member of the body of Christ,  
you are a necessary part of the whole.

We give God glory for 2013 because He has been good to us. He has blessed us spiritually, health wise and financially. We continue to improve our buildings and facilities.

We are a Church with history, while we are proud of that, we should be saying and acting we are a church for the future very loudly and intentionally too.

What do I mean by this, we should actively and intentionally encouraging young people to play major roles in the life of the Church. That is not to say that the older ones who have been doing things are no more useful, no, they are.

However, we should get young people in welcoming, at the front of the Church. We are making progress with the musicians and singing, communion and reading Bibles and allowing them to do some stuffs, we must continue.

Therefore I want us to focus on maximising your potentials this year. Like the story I told above, all of you young and old, male and female have something unique to contribute and I am committed to that.

We need to intensify our prayer life as a Church; we need to increase our faith believing God for the best for His church and every one of us.

We need to step up showing the love of Christ to our community

To these effects, we will always meet on the third day of each quarter's fasting & Prayer Trainings on how to share our faith one in every Monday in February at Freedom's Ark in Tottenham's Town Hall at 7.30-9pm

the second is Sharing our faith with Muslims coming up on Saturday April 4 10-4.30

We are also going to pray for people in the community or ask for prayer requests

Other key position holders will tell you more about what they have planned for the year.