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100 Blessings - Kenewal of Vows

On May 20th, 2023, The Lutheran Church Hong Kong Synod's Hong Kong Island and Islands Region and Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, together with Church of All Nations, organised a meaningful event entitled "100 Blessings - Renewal of Vows". The goal of this event was to provide elderly couples with the opportunity to wear wedding dresses and suits for the first time, walking down the aisle again on "520" at "13:14" precisely to reaffirm their commitment to each other by saying, "I do." Through this event, the elderly also learned about the teachings of Christian faith on marriage and love, so that they could learn to treat their partner based on the Bible.

This event was magnificent and was reported by more than ten media outlets in China, Hong Kong and Macau. Our school was honored to assist in this event. Our Photography Club participated in taking memorable snapshots of the elderly couples.



*"520" and "1314" in Putonghua sound like "I love you" and "forever and ever" respectively.



Photo taken by CLSNP' s Photography Club members



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n the day of the event, the students arrived at Church of All Nations in Repulse Bay early. First, they took pictures of the elderly couples in suits and wedding dresses getting off wedding cars at the car park. Then, they took pictures of the flower boys and girls at the lounge. The highlight of the event was that, at 13:14 sharp, the 52 elderly couples solemnly marched into the Church to enjoy the moment of renewing their wedding vow, and our students seized the opportunity to capture such loving moments. Whether it was the moment when they held hands and entered the church, or the exchange of rings, all these scenes were recorded. "Holding hands and growing old together" was such a beautiful scenario, and the students were delighted to be able to capture every beautiful moment for the elderly.

n this event, the Concordians felt deeply honored to be able to contribute. Not only did they gain practical experience in photography but they also learnt the truth of faith in marriage.

inally, special thanks went to "Felix So Photography Alumni Association", for their provision of professional photography services in this voluntary event, in which the most precious photos and memories were captured. The Association aims to contribute to society with the photographic skills, expecting to benefit the disadvantaged groups, needy people or organisation, especially the elderly and children. Through collaborating with the Association, our students were inspired by the Association's enthusiasm, as well as their devices and special effects of professional photography they used in the ceremony.

