

Explainer for DBICC Name Initiative – Feb/Mar 2022

Dear DBICC Member,

Peace be with you! I have an unusual announcement to share, that I think will be very interesting.

As we go through the process of establishing our church as a legally autonomous organization, we obviously need to apply with a name for the organization. Our current name is:

Evangelical Free Church of China – Discovery Bay International Community Church

While most of us only know the church as “Discovery Bay International Community Church,” the vast majority of the time in our 24-year history we have been called “DBICC”. There has been talk of simplifying or even changing the name of our church. If we were to do that, this would be the time for that change, as we begin the paperwork for the legal autonomy process.

This year at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) we will choose which direction to go on this question. There are actually three components to this process:

- A. Do we include the “Evangelical Free Church of China” in our name, as requested by our parent organization, the EFCC?
- B. Do we keep our current operating name, “Discovery Bay International Community Church” or do we go with something different?
- C. If we were to choose a different name, what do we believe would be a fitting name that would honor God and represent this congregation well?

Please pray for the Spirit to guide as we answer this question as a church family. We do not want this to be a divisive issue at all, and we believe the process we’ve planned can help us come to a unified decision.

Here are the steps forward:

1. 27 Feb – Deadline to submit new name suggestions
 - a. Please send to admin@dbicc.org along with why you recommend that name
2. 28 Feb to 11 Mar – Online poll (non-binding)
3. 13 Mar – Elders will present name options to be voted on at the AGM with the AGM information package
4. 20 Mar – AGM will decide on the name

As always, please feel free to contact me or any of the other elders or staff members if you have questions about this process. We want you to be clear about the reasoning and rationale for this initiative.

May God continue to show His grace and favor to DBICC!

We Win!!

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