

The Role Of A Christian Union/Fellowship

(CU/CF) Adviser

The post of a C.U./C.F. adviser is a unique one. It is different from the teacher-advisers of the other clubs and societies in the school. Almost anybody can be in charge of any of the extra curricular activities but not everyone can be a C.U./C.F. adviser. Firstly, he/she must be a Christian. Then he must have a burden for the welfare of a Christian students in the school as well as a vision of the harvest field there. As such, he is prepared to spend his time and energy investing in young lives - a seemingly unprofitable exercise compared to giving tuition. He must also be willing to face up to discouragement in this work. On the other hand, God is not forgetful of whatever we offer to him in this work - He will reward us with countless blessings that money cannot buy.

A C.U./C.F. adviser plays a few roles:

A GUIDE

He helps in the programme - planning by giving his ideas, suggestion of speakers, etc. He also helps to gear the C.U./C.F. in the way it should go. The adviser and the committees should reach an understanding of the partnership aspect of the work; the latter should not view the adviser as a threat. The adviser, with his experience and age, is there to provide more depth and perspective to the work as well as leadership training. At the same time, we need the zeal, enthusiasm and talent of the youth.

A TEACHER OF GOD'S WORD

We should be knowledgeable of the Bible, for example the basic doctrines and be able to teach especially those who are unchurched or have limited contact with a local church. An adviser who is properly grounded in the faith will also provide stability to the group whose members are

from varied church backgrounds. An adviser, who may be a new Christian can always study on his own or refer to the handbooks published by the Youth Department of S.U. The adviser may have to take on this role more and more if the school authorities places restrictions on the use of outside speakers. Also, the number present may be very small or unpredictable to warrant inviting a speaker from elsewhere.

A PASTOR/MENTOR

An adviser must be committed to the well-being of the members, especially the committee. It can be their spiritual lives, personal problems, studies, etc. Pray for them, get to know them and if they are open to us, be available to listen to them and encourage them. Above all, we should be concerned with their total development and seek ways to help them.

Being a C.U./C.F. adviser may seem an insignificant thing, especially if the C.U./C.F. is rather small. However, it is a work of eternal value - the souls of young people are at stake. Let us exhort them by word and by life to seek God and live for Him. It is a rewarding work - especially when one sees lives being changed by the Word of God or touched by His Spirit. It is a worthwhile work - young people without Christ are harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Through the C.U./C.F. or even in our contact with the students we teach, we can introduce to them a purposeful and meaningful life in Christ.

A GENEROUS MAN WILL PROSPER; HE WHO REFRESHES OTHERS WILL HIMSELF BE REFRESHED.

(Proverbs 11:25)

- Miss Goh Kai Lian



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Recently, I was given some copies of TCF Newsletter In Step of 1989 and 1990. I was very impressed and benefited by the articles and they served me great purposes in viewing education from a Christian Perspective.

I wish to know how I can become a member of TCF and receive all the issue of In Step for 1991, 1992 and till now.

Charles Tiong
Sarawak

Dear Editor,

Greetings from Penang in the name of our Lord!

This is an overdue report, but I hope it reaches you before the next In Step is published. Enclosed are 2 photos to go with it.

I really enjoyed reading the recent issue of In Step. The articles covered some very relevant issues facing us teachers. Keep up the good work! And may God give you much wisdom and strength as you continue in His service.

Yoke See
Penang

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