

Betty Wang



Betty Wang cherishes her membership in Relief Society. “Relief Society is a place where I can ask for help, learn to love my sisters and strengthen my faith. I am so glad to be a member of Relief Society!” she says.

Originally from Changchun, China, Wang moved with her husband and family to Canada in 2006. Holding her master’s degree in business administration, Wang had previously worked as a professional purchasing manager for many years before choosing a career as a full-time, stay-at-home mother of five active, athletic children. Some of her busy children are champion gymnasts, competing nationally and internationally. “I feel content and joyful to work with my children and to be there to support them in their experiences,” she says.

As a new immigrant, Wang understands the challenges that immigrants and international students face as they undergo the difficult transition to understand their new Canadian environment. Wang feels a responsibility to care for these newcomers, who find themselves so unfamiliar with Canada and Canadian ways.



Enthusiastically, Wang leaps in headfirst to organize English classes, community events and cultural celebrations for these newcomers, all hosted in the local Latter-day Saint chapel. She galvanizes others to come along and donate their own time and talents to support these events, thus allowing new immigrants to come together, celebrate their cultural traditions and build new community bonds in Canada.

Local Church members benefit as they grasp opportunities to serve, to clarify Canadian obscurities and to teach, while enjoying exotic cultural performances and delicious new foods. Reciprocally, these events afford new immigrants precious new friendships with Canadian citizens and insights into the nature of the gift of freedom to think, speak and behave fearlessly, which established Canadians may sometimes take for granted.

Wang's volunteer work with new immigrants serves to strengthen her conviction of her own Latter-day Saint faith. She feels grateful to the Lord Jesus Christ that she and her family can live and worship freely in Canada's diverse and pluralistic society.

