

# CHINESE NEW YEAR

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An all Chinese band, covering a song written by a band from Dublin, on the stage of a British Columbian church, which accredits much of its early success to a Jamaican pastor. This is Multiculturalism at its finest, and was only part of the fantastic local event that is the Chinese New Year. The five member Mini Band performing U2's Zombie, was one of many extremely talented performers taking the stage of The First Baptist Church. This event brought various members of Prince George together. The many sponsors: RBC Royal Bank, Integris Credit Union, Sushi 97, CIBC, Scotiabank, China Taste, Canadian Western Bank, Days Inn, CNC Student's Union, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, and Pho U & Me, helped make this event a reality. The catering by China Taste provided tasty dishes that many in the West are accustomed too, as well as that little bit of unique and unusual that one hopes for when trying foreign food. This event was welcoming to all from Prince George, and tickets sold out quickly. Among those in attendance were many of those from Prince George's political elite, showing the draw and importance of this event. Prince George is growing up, or at least it's doing its best. For a northern British Columbian town, Prince George is growing to boast some of the best educational and career opportunities in the province. This, coupled with a reasonable cost of living that many southern and coastal cities such as Vancouver just can't boast, is leading to international interest in our former forestry town. CNC and UNBC attract students from all over the world who, in turn, improve and enrich the communities around them.

